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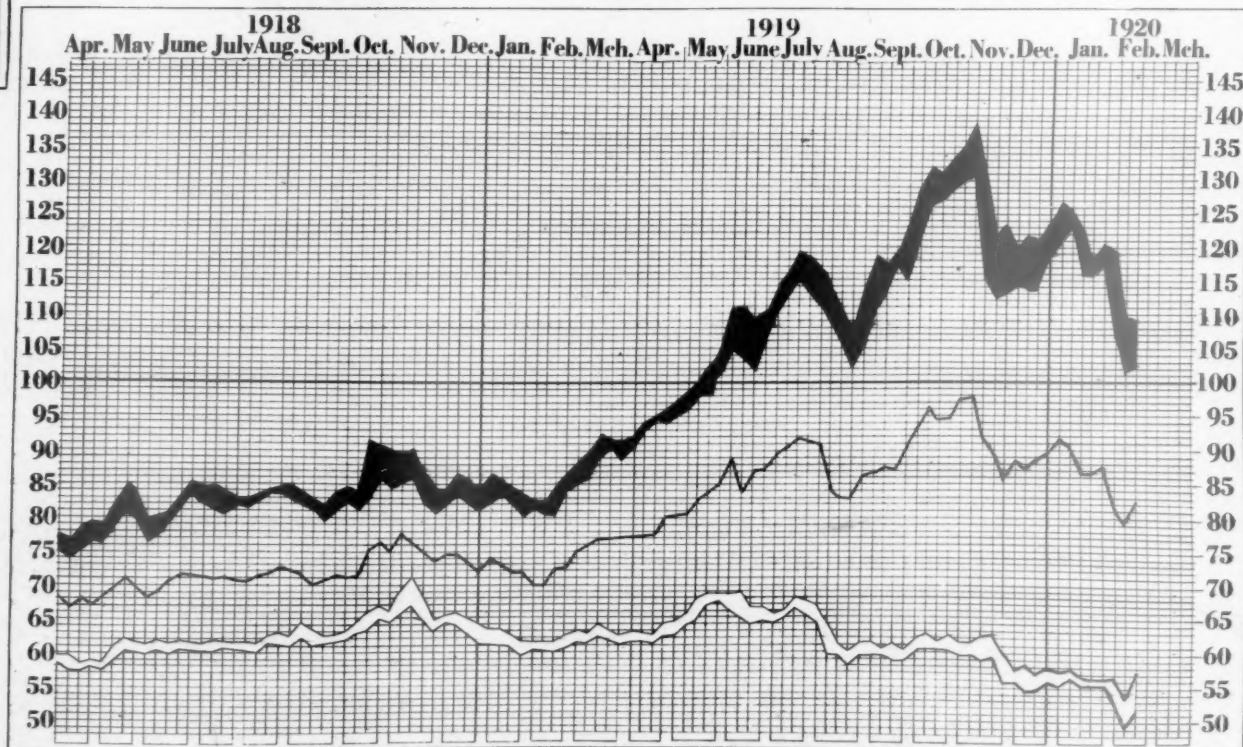
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## Is Banking Practice Frustrating Federal Reserve Operation?

**Officials of Local Institution Assert Precautionary Borrowing Is Keeping Loan Account Up but Advanced Rediscount Rate Seems Inoperative—Demand for Money so Great That Banks Can Obtain Service Fees That Lift the Interest Rate Above the Reserve Bank's Mark**

THE purposes of a central banking system are to control the flow of gold and the emission of credit and to give elasticity to the circulating media. The instrument with which these three functions are supposed to be regulated is the rate of interest at which the central bank stands ready to rediscount for the private banks which are subservient to it. In the United States and Great Britain, where the Federal Reserve Banks and the Bank of England are the central institutions, the banks are "bankers' banks," but in France and Germany, under normal conditions, the central banks operate somewhat differently. The Bank of France will, on occasion, discount for private firms and even for individuals, while in Germany it has been the style for many years to say "the Reichsbank is a bank for everybody." These, however, are details of administration which do not alter the major principles.

Bearing in mind the three cardinal principles of a central bank, many close students are inquiring whether or not our own Federal Reserve system is functioning. Under the first, gold is going out of the country, to the Orient and to South America, at an admittedly alarming pace. In the second, the expansion of credit, begun even before our official entrance into the World War and carried to great excesses during the progress of hostilities and after, is still going on, or, at least, has not been noticeably arrested. In the third, there is a great mass of circulating media, consisting very largely of Federal Reserve notes, which gives no promise of an early contraction and is, in fact, still fluctuating with an upward tendency.

Probably of the three, the second, that having to do with the expansion of bank credit, is the most outstanding. The Federal Reserve system has created a vast amount of bank credit, as an expedient to war finance, and, now that the war is over and it is supposed the Government has "turned the corner" in the matter of expenditure, is endeavoring to reduce the inflation. Rates of rediscount, long standing at 4½ to 4¾ per cent., have been moved up, in three stages, until now they stand at from 4¾ per cent., for the favored Treasury certificates of indebtedness and tax certificates, to 6 per cent. for prime commercial bills. That is a substantial increase, yet from the statistics of the reserve system it has not availed to curtail the aggregate of bank credit, nor even the aggregate of member banks' borrowings.

### IS THE SYSTEM FUNCTIONING?

The first upward alteration in reserve bank rates in more than a year occurred on Nov. 2 last, when the New York Reserve Bank made its initial change. Within a week all other reserve banks had followed the New York banks example. On Oct. 31, 1919, the last statement of the system prior to the change in rates, member banks' borrowings in the whole system amounted to \$2,128,547,000, and the twelve reserve banks were carrying bills which they had purchased in the open market to the extent of \$394,355,000. On Feb. 13 of this year, after three advances in rates as set forth above, the aggregate of member banks' borrowings was \$2,293,435,000, an increase over the October showing of \$164,888,000, while reserve banks' holdings of bills purchased had gone up to \$542,600,000, for a gain of \$148,245,000. These two items, which constitute the consolidated loan item of the Reserve system, thus had advanced \$313,133,000, or about 12 per cent., in the face of what was intended to be "corrective action."

So the question is being asked: "Has the Re-

serve system ceased to function? Has it been stultified?"

Most bankers, including the officers of the Reserve system, think not. The popular defense of the apparent stultification is that it is yet too early to pass judgment. Some of the officials of the reserve system contend that their "corrective action," i. e., the advancing of rediscount rates, has already begun to make itself felt. This, they explain, is more or less in a negative way, but, nevertheless, clear to them. They excuse the increase in borrowings partly on the ground that "requirements are being anticipated," which is to say that borrowers who potentially would not begin accumulation of bank accommodation until later in the Spring are now "getting their lines established," because of a fear that within a month or two rates will be even higher and credit more scarce than at present.

In this respect it may be pointed out that a fear which causes a merchant or other user of credit to borrow funds for an eight-month term which normally he would require only for six months must be a whole-hearted fear, for it makes the operation an expensive one. To illustrate, if a man needs, say, \$100,000 for employment from May to October, and, because of apprehension of advancing rates, borrows it in March for eight months at 6 per cent., he is really paying 8 per cent. for the money, because the first two months of his possession is a loss to him. The money is idle, but he is paying \$500 a month for its use. In eight months the money will cost him \$4,000, which must be charged against the six months of employment. If the user of credit is willing to do this he is, to the best of his ability, striving to defeat the purposes of the central bank.

Another word on the theory of central banks. It is this: The ideal state of affairs is for the central bank to charge a rate of rediscount somewhat higher than the rate which the private bank is able to charge its client. In this way, the private bank extends credit to private users. If the demand for this credit becomes excessive, and a halt is desirable, the private bank puts up its rate. If still the demand continues, and the private bank's facilities are taxed beyond the ordinary power of the bank to fulfill, it may go to the central bank for assistance, which is granted, but at a "penalty rate"; in other words, a rate at which the private bank loses money. As private banks are not conducted for the purpose of losing money, they will take steps on their own account to discourage the extensive use of credit by commercial and industrial enterprise, probably by the simple method of refusing to make further loans. The scheme works automatically to reduce overexpansion—or it should work so and does in normal times.

The maximum rate at which a private bank may extend credit to a client is prescribed by law. In this State it is 6 per cent. Thus, if the Reserve Bank wants to discourage overexpansion it has, theoretically at least, only to put its rediscount rate at or above 6 per cent., for it is obvious that a private bank can make nothing by lending money to a client at 6 per cent. and then rediscount the client's obligation at the Reserve Bank at 6 per cent. or more.

### RATES OF NO CONSEQUENCE

Just now we are in a period where the private user of credit is willing to pay more than the legal rate of interest. As a matter of fact, the rate is of little consideration to him—or has been for months past—because of the volume of his busi-

ness, the rapid turnover he can make and the big profits which have been accruing. And there are so many ways to get around the usury laws.

In the example given above, where a man borrowed for eight months money which he wanted only for six months, the man paid 8 per cent. The bank, of course, loaned him the money for eight months, and it was his, to use if he wanted to and could. But probably he didn't want to, and so kept it on deposit with the banks, which gave the bank the use of the money for the first two months of his loan period.

There is another way of getting around the law. A borrower can overborrow. To cite an example of how this works, a man will want, say, \$40,000 for three months. He can borrow \$50,000 at 6 per cent., and keep \$10,000 on deposit, getting actually the use of only the \$40,000 he wanted in the first place. On the \$50,000 he pays 6 per cent., but if the interest, in money, is applied to the \$40,000 he uses, the cost for the smaller sum for the three months is 7½ per cent. Incidentally, in this transaction, frequently the interest is paid in advance, which further increases the real cost of the money.

Then there are "commissions" and "service charges." These expedients add to the cost of money borrowed. It is illegal to charge more than 6 per cent. on loans other than demand loans of \$5,000 or more. But if a stock broker, for instance, borrows \$100,000 on collateral for three months at 6 per cent., which would mean an interest payment of \$1,500, and then on top of this pays a "commission" of \$500 and a "service charge" of \$250, the cost of his \$100,000, in actuality, is 9 per cent.

In common justice to the great majority of banks, it may be said that few of them resort to these methods. It isn't done. But the methods may be resorted to, and at times are, and when they are used the purpose of the central bank is defeated. How are they to be ended? Well, that is another matter.

Of course, as many leading bankers point out, the situation corrects itself in time. If credit is made high enough, and is kept scarce enough, the throttle will work. So far, the expedient of advancing rates has not brought about the desired result. Loans, as witness the statistical displays, are still mounting. Possibly a withholding of new accommodation will have more effect. And banks, Reserve Banks and private banks alike, are attempting to withhold new loans. One of the reasons for the precipitous decline in the foreign exchanges recently was the withholding of new loans for financing foreign trade, an act which threw the whole burden of foreign trade on the exchange market and sent rates crashing down. The break in the stock market last November was due to "liquidation of loans." But, so far as may be noted, liquidation of loans made to finance commodity transactions has not progressed very extensively. That, probably, will be the next step in the general scheme of liquidation of bank credit.

It is popular in many places to condemn the Federal Reserve Banks as profiteers. Especially is the New York Federal Reserve Bank condemned on this score. One hears it said "they go after the corner grocery store for profiteering 1 cent a pound in sugar, but they let the Reserve Bank earn 130 per cent." As a matter of fact, there would have been infinitely less chance for the corner grocery store to profiteer the cent a pound on sugar if the Reserve Bank had earned 230 per cent. last year.



And there would have been a much lower scale of all living prices if all the Reserve Banks had earned several times what they did. Reserve Bank earnings are purely automatic. They depend upon two things; the volume of business done and the rate of rediscount. If the member banks bring them a lot of business, thereby increasing the demand for accommodation, rates naturally go up, and the higher rates go and the greater becomes the volume of business, the more the Reserve Banks earn. If the Reserve Banks put down the rate of interest as the volume of business grew, which would be the only way it could hold down its earnings, inflation would go on and on, prices would go up and up, until finally we would be in about the same position some of the European countries are now in, where a pound of butter costs \$50 and a pair of shoes is worth \$500.

The Reserve Bank has one other way of cutting into inflation. That is by exercising its arbitrary right to refuse to rediscount. Contrary to a gen-

eral impression, the Reserve Bank does not have to rediscount for any member which may come along and present collateral. In the ordinary workings of the system the rediscount is virtually automatic. But it does not have to be. It can, and in certain contingencies it must, refuse to do so. Under the act the Reserve Banks are required to keep a legal reserve equal to 25 per cent. of their combined deposit and note liabilities. At the New York Reserve Bank on Feb. 13 this reserve amounted to 38.9 per cent. For the Reserve system as a whole it was 43.2 per cent. Both ratios have been moving down rapidly in recent weeks. When the 35 per cent. minimum is reached, one of two things may be done: Either the Reserve Board can order no more loans to be made to member banks, or it can suspend the reserve requirements. If either act has to be taken, no doubt there will be a severe jolt to the whole financial and commercial structure.

Meanwhile, both the Reserve system officials

and the private bankers are making efforts to prevent the realization of a heroic situation, one which will require heroic treatment. The Reserve system officials claim to see hope of averting the necessity of putting a wall against further borrowing or of suspending Reserve requirements, and most private bankers are co-operating with them.

But whether the brakes are effectively applied by co-operation between the Reserve officials and the private bankers, or are made really effective because of positive necessity, it is patent that they will be made effective, because they have to be. As one banker puts it, "the Reserve system is so near the roof something has to be done." And any way the break may come, the ordinary man in the street is likely to benefit, because with deflation of commodity prices, which will be a necessary concomitant of arrested bank loan expansion, living costs will begin to come down, and we will be headed back toward something at least approximating a normal situation.

## Foreign Trade and Domestic Credit

*Some Consideration of the Question Whether it Is Better to Contract Them Together or to Allow Them to Contract Themselves Normally While Holding Credit and Prices Steady—The Device of Barter Without Use of Gold Gaining General Acceptance*

By EDWARD A. BRADFORD

NEITHER high nor low prices are so objectionable in themselves as the disturbance in the normal or true relation of prices to each other. Alike on the rise or the fall, the disturbance in the relation of prices to each other is what causes hardship among workers and produces unrest among them, and among traders and financiers as well. When the demand shifted from goods wanted in peace to goods wanted in war there was a like shift in the sort of services demanded, and to that demand there was no economic limit. The demand for war goods and services was created and sustained with tax money and credit created from appeals to patriotism, but without an economic basis or even a financial basis in the compulsory relation of paper to gold. In proportion that the use of gold was suspended, either as a standard of value or a means of exchange, or both, the nations drifted from the gold basis of currency and industry.

Less with us than with any other nation was inflation the root of our troubles. It was a contributory cause, and was to be extenuated from the necessity of giving to industry a stimulus corresponding to whipping a horse or giving an individual under strain a drink of alcohol. Inflation is an evil not to be minimized, but also not to be magnified.

The chief harm done by it in this country was in the disturbance of wage scales and production costs, thus disturbing the relation of prices of goods and services. Some workers were overpaid, so that coarse labor received more than other sorts of labor normally held in higher esteem. Also goods used in destruction were overvalued in relation to goods used in production. Never were such prices paid for munitions and workers engaged in producing them for swift consumption, spurios versant, leaving nothing but victory to show for it—and cheap at the price, even though now it is complained of.

### GOLD HAS NOT DEPRECIATED

That process is now being reversed and there is unrest again as we retrace our steps toward a normal demand for goods consumed in peace and wages proportioned to that demand rather than to the war demand. Perhaps the point is too much labored, but it is necessary—if the point is well taken—that our main trouble should be seen to be not inflation, but scarcity of goods due to production costs. Gold is said to be depreciated because its buying power is reduced or because currencies are quoted at a premium or discount, according to the debits or credits of balances of international trade. As the Indian said, "Wigwam lost, not Indian." Gold is par, and is not depreciated because goods are appreciated. Gold is not wanted less. Goods are wanted more. When supply and demand of goods and gold are equalized premiums or discounts on either will disappear automatically.

Our money is not cheap—witness the interest rates—nor depreciated. It is in much demand, but in less demand than food, clothing, raw materials for both home use and manufacture, and for export for the same uses. It is true that there are great stocks of both money and goods locally, but there is no surplus in the world of consumable goods. Neither is there any surplus of services. It is sacrilegious to speak of a surplus of labor with millions of

producers dead and millions more of more or less disabled producers, not to mention exhaustion of reserve stocks of necessities and disturbance of distribution through deficiencies of transportation by land or sea. With us the disturbance of supply and demand is a greater evil than inflation, and the balancing of them in a normal manner is a better remedy than by the stimulation of contraction in manner corresponding to the stimulation of inflation. Having made the one error—although in less degree than others under a greater degree of compulsion by necessity—we now should be on our guard to keep our error in the contrary direction also at a minimum.

Until now we have prided ourselves to something like excess on our close adherence to the normal use of gold. It has not been in absolutely free supply, but it has been more nearly so than in any other country. Should we continue to supply gold to all comers? Or should we ration its use in the arts? If it is admitted that we could and should pay all our debts in gold, does it follow that we could or should pay all the debts of all the world in gold? Is it better that we should bring our credits down to a lessened supply of gold or that we should sustain, not to say enlarge, our credit structure by retaining our gold in the artificial manner practiced by all but ourselves?

### THE CHOICE STILL OURS

We still have a choice, but as credit shrinks almost twenty times as fast as we lose gold it is a question how long the choice will remain to us. All the world is playing the same game of commerce, but under different rules. We alone are using real money. All other nations are using money substitutes. There is a limit for us which does not exist for them. The international situation is like our domestic situation when New York resorted to the use of Clearing House certificates and refused to

send currency to the interior. The result was that the interior also ceased its remittances to New York. There was then such a stoppage of domestic exchanges as now impends in the international exchanges if a policy of stimulation of contraction is pushed to excess. There would be neither reason nor excuse for our stopping the normal use of gold if other countries continued its use. But if other countries stop the use of gold internally and externally it will strain even our resources to remit gold when none remits to us. There is a medium course—the exchange of gold values in goods, but without the use of gold money in foreign exchanges.

This is not now suggested here for the first time. There has been a memorable increase of the practice of barter since Herbert Hoover first showed how barter is possible in emergency since the creation of money as a medium of exchange, as it was necessary before it. It is possible even without a common price language in a unit of account which needs no interpreters, like cambists or arbitrageurs. Ancient Greece and Venice had a unit of account by which books could be balanced before the modern money system was invented. Even the modern Bedlam of currencies is better than the ancient system, which survives in China to this day, but it is not so indispensable that trade cannot be done without it. It is even possible to hazard that the gold standard may be preserved by extemporizations like Herbert Hoover's. No one could think it a desirable method, but necessity is the mother of invention.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and facts are better than theory. At the week-end this cablegram was printed:

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## Growing Demand Develops Serious Fuel Oil Shortage

*Large Companies Unable to Make Bids to Meet Even the Government Shipping Requirements and Increased Use in Industries and in the Mercantile Marine Is Beginning to Make Heavy Inroads Into the Available Supply*

THERE is an acute shortage of fuel oil in the country at the present time, substantial evidence of this being found in the failure of the Shipping Board to obtain bids on its needs for the year ending March 31, 1921. Some of the largest companies, such as the Texas Company, the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and the Standard of Louisiana, which normally would be expected to have sufficient stocks on hand and in sight to permit of bidding on such a contract, failed to tender any offers. In fact, the only bidder was the Mexican Petroleum Company, and as the matter now stands, new bids will be asked for on a smaller quantity of oil than originally called for, the maximum, according to the board's first estimate, having been 28,000,000 barrels. It has been realized for some time that fuel oil was far from being plentiful, but it was something of a shock to discover that the largest companies were unable to make bids for even Government requirements, which naturally would have a call over ordinary demands.

The shortage of oil of fuel quality is attributable to several causes not the least of them the increased demand. For the last several years this type of fuel has been growing in favor, not alone with relation to shipping, but in industrial activities as well, and the consumption now is far in excess of anything that was contemplated even as recently as three to four years ago. In general terms it has been stated that New England is carrying industry on a fuel-oil basis. Strictly speaking this is an exaggeration, but it is nevertheless true that certain of the New England cities, and especially many of the manufacturing towns, are using more and more oil as fuel, and the displacement of coal in that section now runs into millions of tons.

The oil burners among the ships are constantly increasing, and unless there is a decided curtailment of fuel-oil production, there is every reason to believe that the proportionate advance of oil burners over coal ships will increase greatly in the next decade until a point will probably be reached where the vessels using coal as fuel will be the exception rather than the rule.

It has been estimated by the Sinclair Oil Company that more than 860,000,000 barrels of fuel oil could be absorbed annually by the potentially available fuel-oil market. This would call for a crude oil production of about 1,700,000,000 barrels annually, or more than three times the world's present supply. Furthermore, it is said that if a third of the world's ocean tonnage were today burning oil instead of coal as fuel there would be consumed not less than 160,000,000 barrels of fuel oil annually. How stupendous this figure is can be realized by the fact that the amount named is about two and a half times the crude oil production in Mexico. In rough terms it is estimated that 1,000,000 gross tons of ships consume more than 10,000,000 barrels of fuel oil in a year.

### SITUATION IN MEXICO

Shipping, of course, is not using oil to the extent mentioned, but the figures go to show that the increase in oil burners is actually making big inroads against the available amount of fuel oil. Furthermore it must be remembered that the locomotives of the West are taking a decidedly heavier proportion of fuel oil than they did several years ago. It is not, however, the fact that any one industry or set of industries is increasing its use of fuel oil that has been making for the present shortage, but rather the fact that, due to activity on the part of the oil companies themselves, there has been created a demand for this type of fuel on rapidly broadening lines. For instance, some of the big office buildings of the East, even those in the heart of New York City, have now converted their boilers from coal to oil burners. At the outset the educational work of the oil companies was undertaken with the idea of increasing their business, but for the moment at least the success of the undertaking has made for a situation where demand has far overreached production.

There is no doubt, too, that the situation in Mexico has been a contributing factor in bringing about the shortage. American companies operating there have been hampered in their work due to the controversy over the question of whether or no the Mexican Government would succeed in obtain-

ing the subsoil rights for the Government. The fight of the oil men against what they termed confiscatory legislation resulted many months ago in decree being enacted by the Carranza Administration against further drilling by foreign companies. This meant that the supply of Mexican oil was limited to the production of the wells which had already been brought in, and while many of the gushers were large, some of them producing as high as 200,000 to 300,000 barrels a day, it had been definitely proved by past experience that such wells have their limits. Also it must be remembered that wells of this type cannot be drawn upon to capacity without serious danger to the well itself through disturbance of the underlying oil pool by the excessive flow. Hence it was imperative that new wells be drilled to take the place of those which declined in output, and those which actually went bad through the presence of salt water.

Mexico's potential production from wells already drilled is still large, and perhaps sufficient to supply the import needs here for the time being if the oil could be delivered at Atlantic ports. With regard to the future, however, it is a source of satisfaction to find that an agreement has been reached between the oil producers in Mexico and the Mexican Government whereby there will be new drilling until such time as a positive oil law has been framed by the Mexican Congress. The oil companies are making the most of this relief. The armed guards who heretofore interfered in any endeavors to undertake new drilling have been withdrawn and new wells may be expected before long to take the place of the lost production in the Tepetate Field, which has been practically ruined by salt water.

### TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

The question of transportation is of prime importance in the present situation, for it is undoubtedly due to the fact that there are not sufficient tankers to carry the oil, which is making for at least part of the dearth of fuel oil which is being felt here. It has been claimed that the present wells in Mexico could supply 2,000,000 barrels a day, but that it is impossible to ship more than 220,000 barrels a day with the present tankers. On the other hand reports from Tampico of a preliminary nature indicate that oil shipments through the principal ports, Tampico, Port Lobos and Tuxpam, during January, show a sharp decline as compared with the December figures. During 1919 the production of petroleum in Mexico was about 92,500,000 barrels, an increase of 27,800,000 barrels over 1918. About 80,000,000 barrels were exported, and of this total some 57,000,000 barrels found their way to the United States.

The great question then, is not only to get increased production in Mexico, as well as in this country, but to provide adequate means for transporting the Mexican oil to the full requirement here, if the shortage in fuel oil is to be overcome. To this end the building of tankers is going on at an astonishing rate. A total of 165 vessels was under construction at the first of the year at American shipyards, these statistics having been compiled by the Bureau of Navigation of the Department of Commerce. The gross tonnage amounted to about 679,000. Some of these vessels, perhaps a large proportion of them, will enter into the Mexican lanes. Others, of course, will take part in the exportation and importation of oils to and from other countries. At any rate it is claimed that the oil men realize that every endeavor must be bent to provide oil transportation, and with this capacity increased, and new drilling undertaken, there is reason to believe that the fuel-oil shortage may be overcome.

The oil situation as a whole, however, is far from being satisfactory from the point of view of the consumer. There is not only a shortage in fuel oil, but there is a shortage in crude production, which will unfortunately make for higher prices for the refined product. It is only necessary to note the increase which has taken place in Pennsylvania crude to realize this point. The price is now close to \$6 a barrel, and oil men are free in predicting that it may reach \$10 a barrel before the end of the year. When it is remembered that Pennsylvania crude in 1914 was selling for less than \$2 a barrel the scarcity that exists can be appreciated. Other grades of oil have moved up in conjunction with Pennsylvania crude, and it is

stated by some that 40-cent gasoline may be expected during the Summer.

The continued increase in the use of automobiles is, of course, an influence which makes for a shortage in gasoline, but the use of the passenger cars is far from being the dominating factor now. Trucks, tractors and the like are coming more and more into use, and it would appear that the gasoline consumption this year would be in excess of anything that has been known in the past. To keep pace with demand for fuel oil, gasoline and the other derivatives of petroleum, development work is being undertaken on every hand and with lavish expenditures. Still, production in this country, even though it may be substantially increased over that of 1919, will, by the rules of the past, be inadequate for our needs. There can be no doubt that some of the older pools are falling off in output. Furthermore the newest pool, that of Homer, is decidedly small in area, and while the production there may be high per well, the scope of the field is not sufficient to make a material impression on the country's supply of crude oil. That there is a pronounced shortage of crude oil for refinery purposes at the present time is shown by the fact that the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has laid off 550 men at its Bayway plant.

### CALIFORNIA SHORTAGE

So pronounced is the shortage that the Standard Oil Company of California has issued instructions to all its agents to take no contracts for fuel oil without referring to the home office in San Francisco. It has also been decided that the export of refined products shall be kept at a minimum and be only such as to meet the company's contractual obligations. In speaking of this K. R. Kingsbury, President of the company, says:

"The condition of the petroleum industry, which has necessitated these actions, is one which closely and importantly touches the interests of the public industrially and otherwise, and a description of it will be useful in giving a thorough understanding of the situation which exists in the simplest terms. It is that the crude oil production of California is not sufficient to meet the demand. California was called upon in 1919 to supply approximately 475,000,000 gallons of naphtha products. This quantity could not be obtained from the production of crude oil in California, and the shortage of over 20,000,000 gallons was brought from the East.

"With the demand for gasoline and heavier fuels in direct proportion to the number of internal combustion engines, embracing automobiles, trucks, tractors, marine motors and pumping plants, and the production of this class of equipment constantly increasing, the 1920 demand for naphtha products, it is estimated, will exceed the 1919 demand by at least 25 per cent., indicating a total requirement of 600,000,000 gallons. From the present supply of crude oil the total possible production of naphtha products is 450,000,000 gallons, indicating a shortage in the products named of 150,000,000 gallons."

While this applies specifically to California it may be taken very largely as indicative of the situation in many other parts of the country.

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## Would Eliminate the Middleman in Our Foreign Trade

*Direct Handling of His Export Business by the American Manufacturer Not a Difficult Nor Complicated Task if the Veil of Mystery With Which It Is Surrounded be Lifted—Disadvantages of Second-Hand Dealing Set Forth*

By FRANK HENIUS,

Director of the Bush International Merchandise Exchange.

THERE are a great number of foreign buyers now in this city. They come from Denmark, Norway, Sweden, France, Belgium, and other European countries, as well as England and Australia. If you should ask any of them what he is doing over here now you would probably get, with very few exceptions, the reply that he is "marking time." The exchange situation, which has made it almost impossible for a foreigner to buy here without paying prices which make it impossible to resell in his own country and in his own currency, is the cause. This condition is abnormal and, while no one can say how long it will last, it is naturally a great drawback to the export business.

For the larger proportion of American manufacturers there are four factors which are very much against the successful operation of export trade from this country, even if times were normal. Of course there are many houses who do a large export business, both manufacturers and exporters, but they are exceptions, and exceptions prove the rule. These four factors which have hampered foreign trade in the past and which will hamper it in the future—unless their actual cause and their actual existence are eliminated—are "inexperience," "too much commission," "freight forwarding," and "past performances."

Comparatively speaking, the American export trade is still in its infancy. If you go into the Middle West today or visit some of the smaller manufacturers in Tennessee or Kentucky, you will find that to them the export business is a great veiled mystery, and no one can tear away the veil and look at the picture unless he is a member of the guild. This guild is represented to him as having an exclusive seat in New York City and being the mysterious thing calling itself an export, or export commission house.

Unfortunately the foreign trade of this country has decreased, for the reason that in many instances the American banks have not been far-sighted enough to help the manufacturer finance his shipments direct, but have rather encouraged the idea that some one in New York really handles the manufacturer's output. This is a great injustice to both foreign buyers and American manufacturers. Of course the banks do not like to lend money unless on very good security. Therefore the idea which the export houses have fostered, and the main excuse for their action, is that the New York house orders the goods from the manufacturer in Tennessee or Illinois and pays cash for the goods in New York. That is equivalent, of course, to a letter of credit being opened by the foreign buyer in New York City. It means that he pays cash through his bank against delivery of the ocean documents and other papers, thereby relieving the bank from a great amount of loans which it otherwise would have to make.

Therefore the banks more or less indirectly, and the exporter very openly and frankly, have told the American manufacturers in this country how very difficult it is to build up an export business, how many difficulties and obstacles would have to be overcome, how many accounts are absolutely valueless when it comes to collecting the money, how difficult is the matter of shipping merchandise, marking it, packing it, getting out consular invoices and certificates of origin, &c. All these objections have hindered the smaller manufacturer, who has never done any export business and who therefore feels that he will be handicapped from the start. He believes that he is not acquainted with the

science of exporting to such an extent that he can properly and successfully tackle a commerce so complicated and apparently so technical and so difficult.

While in all probability a number of export houses have given them very wonderful and exceptional service, the manufacturers as a rule unfortunately have not had the vision to realize that they are cutting themselves off entirely from their own customers. They are not building up their names, they are not building up their own trademark, they are not building up their own trade, they are not acquainted with their customers. More than that, they do not even know where their merchandise goes to or at what prices it is sold. The American export house, paying cash for the goods in New York, naturally becomes the owner of the merchandise. It resells it as a merchant, although in many instances, to the buyer, it calls itself a commission house.

Now if the American commission house asks a price, commission or profit which is out of proportion to the value of the merchandise, it stands to reason that the American manufacturer's chances for reselling merchandise to the same customer are very slim.

Any manufacturer would certainly resent it if somebody would make a proposition to do business in Tennessee, buy his goods in New York and pay him cash—the cash as a bait and in getting the exclusive sales rights in Tennessee—saving him time and trouble in making the shipment to Chattanooga. In return he wants the rock-bottom price from the manufacturer, he will not disclose the name of these customers in Tennessee, he will not bind himself as to the price at which he resells the merchandise, and he will in no way disclose the name of the customer or let the manufacturer communicate direct with the customer, or vice versa. Any manufacturer, be he ever so small, and be he located in Portland, Ore., or in Wabash, Ind., would resent such a proposition as being childish, unbusinesslike, and unfair.

It is, therefore, inexplicable that the American manufacturer is willing to do business on that basis the moment somebody talks to him about a customer in Shanghai, China, or in Cape Town, South Africa. If the export business is ever properly analyzed by the manufacturer he will find that it has to be built up and organized and created, worked up and developed on exactly the same principles and on exactly the same foundation as he develops business in Chattanooga, Tenn., or in New Orleans, La.

The greatest asset of any manufacturer is his name, his trademark, and his trade. In a great many instances, when he deals with an export commission house, he loses not only his trade, which he does not hold anyhow, but he also loses his trade name and his identity as the manufacturer.

A great many export houses have clauses in their orders, for example, in which they stipulate that if any advertising matter or any marks disclose the origin of the merchandise the manufacturer will refund the purchase price of the merchandise or the exporter will repudiate the payment. In other words—but as stated in the beginning of this article, there are exceptions to every rule—export houses go out of their way in order to eliminate the manufacturer and his trade name entirely from their customers.

On the other hand, supposing a foreign customer who is buying from a manufacturer through a New York export or commission house had any trouble with that exporter or commission house, he would naturally buy no more from them. This automatically cancels the account with the manufacturer who does not know why the orders have suddenly stopped from that particular territory. He cannot find out from the customer why that is the case, nor can the customer write him. If the customer now begins to buy direct from another manufacturer the original manufacturer loses his trade entirely.

On the other hand, if the customer tries to buy through, or does buy through, another commission or export house in New York, that same manufacturer may not have any dealings with the new exporter or commission house chosen by the client. Therefore the trade will go to one of the manufacturer's competitors, in spite of the fact that he

may have spent years in building up his business, made all sorts of concessions to get into the territory, may even have made all kinds of changes in connection with the product in order to suit the market and the client's wishes. Suddenly he is deprived of all the fruits of his labor, time, and energy. The trade goes right over his head, because through his own fault he did not originally deal direct with the buyers.

As far as the cash consideration is concerned, it stands to reason that the export house gets cash from the customer ultimately. It does not buy goods and give them away to the customer abroad. And if exporters have found ways and means to get the cash from their customers on a proper basis, with a profit for themselves, it should really not require very much argument to convince the manufacturer that he would be able to do the same thing, providing he applied the proper and regular systems of credit or cash conditions to his own trade with foreign clients. Surely the export commission house has no better means at its disposal for getting the export trade of the foreigner than the manufacturer has if he were to devote himself to that branch of his business.

Of course, there are a great number of export commission houses who are of great benefit to the manufacturers. However, the writer has talked to hundreds of manufacturers, and upon analyzing their motives for dealing with the commission house has always found that one of the chief reasons was the inducement of getting cash, his ignorance of foreign markets, and, third, the fact that he—the manufacturer—has had "an easy job" of it. He did not have anything to do with the shipment, with the bills of lading nor with such fringes as consular invoices, certificates of origin, or other technicalities which frighten him in connection with his foreign trade.

Now, the shipment of a case of merchandise to China, while it requires certain technical knowledge and a certain procedure which can be learned easily and which is handled in practically every export house by a minor clerk, can be mastered just as easily by the shipping clerk or the manufacturer himself just as he has to master the details of making a shipment to Chattanooga. A bill of lading, whether given on an oceangoing steamer or on a railroad, serves the same purpose and is made for the same reason, and really embodies the same principles, and the other documents which may or may not be required in connection with the export trade are not such that they should prevent a manufacturer from doing his own export business.

There is a great tendency just now among manufacturers to do business direct with the foreign buyers. This tendency appeals especially to those who have given away exclusive agencies without any regard to the terms, without any proper equivalent on behalf of the agent, &c., or who have found that their goods have been sold at prohibitive prices, thereby depriving customers from duplicating their orders.

Already a number of American manufacturers are following this impulse to develop their own trade, to see that the goods come to the other man at the proper price, to get repeat business, to build up their trade name and their own trade, getting in direct touch with the customer. If this is done by the greatest possible number of manufacturers it will mean a larger, very much more profitable and sounder building up of foreign trade. After all, that is what the American manufacturer will have to do if this country is to compete successfully with Europe.

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# The New Plan to Solve the American Shipping Problem

**The Proposed Sale of the German Ships Has Called Public Attention to the Difficulties of Creating an American Merchant Marine—Present System of Allocating Ships to Operators at a Guaranteed Return Has Failed and a Profit-Sharing Plan Is About to be Tried by the Shipping Board**

By REUBEN A. LEWIS

THE issue arising out of the proposal of the Shipping Board to sell the fleet of thirty ex-German passenger vessels to private interests has impressively served to acquaint American citizenry with the fact that the United States has a great problem to solve. The truth concerning the ships has been veiled by a haze of misinformation and a cloud of misstatements. And naturally the layman is at sea.

In December, John Barton Payne, Chairman of the Shipping Board, announced that the Government would consider proposals for the purchase of the former German liners. Previously shipowners had been told that the Government would retain title to the vessels and use them to establish regular passenger routes to all countries. There were two reasons assigned for the change: 1. The revelation that it would take \$57,000,000 to recondition the thirty vessels for commercial services. 2. The fear that the ships, unable to serve liquors as long as they flew the American flag, could not compete with vessels of foreign registry and well-stocked bars.

Proposals were invited to be opened on Jan. 20. Before the liners were placed on the auction block, the War Department raised an objection, insisting that the United States should retain title to the ships in order that they might form part of the transport reserve. The matter was referred to President Wilson for final decision. Secretary Baker had reason to be concerned with the sale, because the Shipping Board invited bids from foreign companies as well as those operating under the American flag. When the bids were opened several days after Jan. 20, it developed that twelve different interests had offered to buy the liners. The Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique (The French Line) was numbered among the prospective buyers.

The request for bids from foreign companies was generally interpreted to be nothing more than a club to wield over the heads of the American lines, if the board felt their offers were too low, and the Government, at this time, did not announce that the vessels would have to remain under American registry. However, coincident with the statement that a total of about \$32,000,000 had been offered for the fleet, Mr. Payne announced that President Wilson had approved the ultimate outright sale to American companies.

## THE I. M. M. BID

The most prominent bid among those first submitted was from the International Mercantile Marine Company. Pursuant to the invitation of the Government to send sealed proposals for "all or any" of the ships, the International Mercantile Marine forwarded three separate sets of bids—one offering \$28,000,000 for all thirty of the vessels, a second for certain groups, and a third for the individual liners. Chairman Payne said that the board had rejected the bid of the International Mercantile Marine for all of the fleet, because the Government proposed to distribute the ships among several interests, and he informed the shipping world that there would be a public auction of the vessels on Feb. 12, but that certain conditions would be imposed. 1. The ships must remain under American registry. 2. They must be employed on certain designated routes. 3. They must be acquired with the provision that the War Department might take them over in an emergency. The proposals received on Jan. 20 would not be considered rejected, Chairman Payne declared, for, in event they exceeded those later submitted, the board would accept the higher figure.

At this juncture, there appeared upon the scene Phillip Manson, President of the Pacific and Eastern Steamship Company. He charged that the Shipping Board was in a secret conspiracy with the International Mercantile Marine Company to sell the whole fleet of ex-German liners at a great sacrifice, with the understanding that they were later to be transferred to the British flag. The charges were taken up by some newspapers. Congress was urged to halt this great conspiracy to turn over the thirty vessels, the magnificent ships which had been the pride of Germany, to the International Mercantile Marine for a mere fraction of their true value. It was pointed out that the International Mercantile Marine bid only \$4,000,000 for

the Leviathan—the greatest ship afloat. Homer L. Ferguson, President of the Newport News Dry Docks and Shipbuilding Company, testified before a Senate committee that the Leviathan could not be replaced at a cost of less than \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000. A former naval architect of the Shipping Board, who assisted in appraising the ships when they were seized by the United States, stated publicly that the thirty liners were worth \$225,000,000. There seemed to be an overwhelming mass of evidence that a great sacrifice was about to be ordered at the expense of the taxpayers.

Then came the postponement of the auction until Feb. 16, the Hearst injunction restraining the Shipping Board from proceeding with the sale of any of the liners and the Senate resolution directing the Shipping Board to submit to it for survey and action all proposals received for the purchase of the vessels. Thus there were many obstacles to the sale when the board announced it would proceed with the acceptance of the bids, with the understanding that the Senate and House committees would have to approve all deals.

A disappointing response came when the second batch of bids was received. The companies did not show an eagerness to buy such as might have been expected if they were getting bargains. The Shipping Board, at the outset, announced that it had made a careful study of the routes for which the vessels were best suited and that, therefore, they would be offered in groups. Singularly there was not a single steamship company willing to accept the judgment of the board's advisors. Subsequently the executives of several companies made their own proposals for certain blocks of the vessels, but the Leviathan did not attract a single bidder, and many of the other twenty-nine liners were presented without response.

## SOME FACTS ABOUT THE FLEET

There are obvious reasons for the reluctance of shipowners to add the former German vessels to their fleets. In the first place, a number of them are antiquated. The average age of the thirty liners is eighteen years. Two of them are twenty-six years old, and two are twenty-four. It must be recalled that the useful career of an ocean-going vessel is regarded as twenty years. In their period of service as transports, they were subjected to the most severe strain. The cabins, saloons and fine fittings were ripped out in order that the army might install hundreds of "standees" to accommodate troops. There was no time for the Government to put the liners in the repair yards or dry docks when the tide of victory might have been turned by the transportation of a few thousand troops to France. As a consequence the vessels are hardly more than mere shells of the liners that plied the seas under the German flag.

Then the acquisition of the ships is a mere preliminary. They must be operated in competition with the vessels of other nations. There are two disadvantages that a ship of American registry has in competition with foreign tonnage. The wages of the officers and men are from 10 to more than 100 per cent. higher. The navigation laws are such that a larger crew is required, and more commodious living quarters must be provided.

But, although the freight outlook for the next few months is dark, the future for passenger carrying is rosy. It is anticipated that the approaching Summer will see the greatest demand for passage to Europe that the transatlantic lines have ever experienced. The tourist trades promise to bear unprecedented profits, and the indications are that all ships will be loaded to capacity. During the war, the various shipbuilding nations resolved their energies toward the production of cargo ships and neglected the passenger carriers. Moreover the enemy submarines waged their most effective campaigns against the vessels that transported troops. So there is a great shortage of passenger vessels, and the former German ships represent the bulk of the world's "ready" tonnage.

There has been much ado concerning the Leviathan, once the Hamburg-American Vaterland. The American Line offered \$4,000,000 for the largest ship afloat, which, in normal times, carried more than 3,000 passengers, consumed 900 tons of coal daily and required a crew of about 1,100 officers

and men. It was estimated that it would take at least one year to recondition the ship, in addition to converting her into an oil burner. The expense would soar around \$5,000,000. Thus the Leviathan would represent an investment of at least \$9,000,000. It has always been a matter of doubt in the minds of the most thoughtful steamship men if the Leviathan, Imperator, Aquitania, Lusitania, Mauretania and the pride ships of the German and British merchant fleets earned a profit.

The Mauretania and Lusitania were built by the Cunard Line with money that was loaned to it by the Government of Great Britain, the company being required to repay yearly 5 per cent. of the cost for a period of twenty years. While the details were never revealed, it has been understood that the Hamburg-American Line received a subsidy so that it might have the two largest vessels afloat. Either directly or indirectly the respective Governments have assisted the steamship interests because it was recognized that the possession of these magnificent carriers was of tremendous value to the nation—for they might be used as army transports in war and powerful instruments of commerce in peace times.

The operation of passenger liners differs radically from the operation of cargo boats. They must be run upon certain fixed schedules and in groups. There is no such thing as a tramp passenger ship. This explains in a measure why there was a lone bid for the Otsego when the thirty liners were offered for sale individually. The foregoing reasons are cited to show that the steamship companies appreciate what the future holds for them. Unless the ex-German vessels can be acquired at a reasonable figure, it is regarded as certain that they will rest content to have them owned by the Government.

In event it is necessary for the United States to retain title to the vessels, the Government must place them on commercial routes. Chairman Payne explained that this would require their allocation

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to the various companies for operation. As compensation, the Government would pay the operator a certain percentage of the revenues from cargoes and passengers, and the Shipping Board would virtually guarantee the lines freedom from any financial losses, as it would agree to meet all expenses. Regardless of whether the Shipping Board earned a profit or whether it encountered heavy losses, the operators would stand no risk.

#### THE NEW PLAN OF OPERATION

But this applies only to passenger ships. For cargo carriers the coming of another era has been foreshadowed.

The Shipping Board has advised the operators that it proposes to discard the present system for one that will remedy many of the existing evils. More than one thousand ocean-going cargo carriers owned by the United States and paid for by the taxpayers have been distributed among 170 companies for operation over forty-three trade routes. But the operator has had no real incentive to reduce expenses, for his return has been entirely dependent upon the gross freights. The weakness of the system has been apparent for many months, but not until the present has a constructive scheme been set forth to supplant it.

The Government now proposes to put all operators on a profit-sharing basis. The compensation will be entirely dependent upon the earnings of the ship, so that the operator will be spurred to practice all kinds of economies and handle the affairs of the vessel just as if it were his own. The coming of this era will do away with the system of having the Government fix the freight rates, for the operator is to decide as to tariffs. It has been rightly maintained that the Shipping Board rate scheme has worked to the disadvantage of the Government, for, because its rates were advertised, the ships were filled at the lowest figure on a rising market and were the last to get cargoes on a declining basis.

The new system is expected to become effective about March 1. It is by far the most important decision reached by the Federal Board since its advent, for in one sweep it places the bulk of the American merchant marine on a new principle. The plan is to fix the capital value of the ship. After meeting all of the operating expenses, the board proposes that 23½ per cent. of the initial value shall be charged off annually. This includes

10 per cent. depreciation, 5 per cent. return on the investment and 7½ per cent. for repairs and insurance. If there be any surplus remaining, this is to be divided upon a profit-sharing plan with a premium upon economical and enterprising practices.

The crux of the whole matter is the figure at which the Shipping Board puts the tonnage. Commissioner Thomas A. Scott summed up the situation when he said:

"If the ships could be sold to private American interests at a price low enough to make the capital charges of the American ship owners below those of the owners of ships of other nations, we would be quite safe to trust the American to overcome this differential now in favor of some of the other nations in the cost of operation. If an attempt is made to sell the ships at such price as to place the American in the position of advantage, the price so fixed is a mere guess and an error of \$10 per ton one way on 10,000,000 tons of ships would amount to \$100,000,000, which may be an unnecessary sacrifice of the taxpayers' money. An error of \$10 the other way may defeat the establishment of the American merchant marine. The shipbuilding of the country is also a factor which must be considered as the price fixed too high for an indefinite period will stimulate unnecessary building, while uncertainty as to the price of Government ships will absolutely throttle the building of ships necessary to balance the fleet."

#### THE PROPOSED EXPERIMENT

To establish this proper price, the Shipping Board will enter upon a gigantic experiment. It proposes that an arbitrary figure be set for the tonnage value to be from \$200 to \$225 per deadweight ton. Depreciation is to be allowed at the rate of 10 per cent. for the first year, 9 per cent. from the remaining value for the second year, 8 per cent. for the third year, 7 per cent. for the fourth year, 6 per cent. for the fifth year and 5 per cent. for each remaining year thereafter.

Under the new form of agreement, to which the representatives of all interests are committed, the operator is to have the utmost freedom. All accounts will be kept by the shipping companies, but the Government will check them. The Shipping Board will give fixed figures to the operators to be used in setting up capital accounts. Then the operator will keep a complete record of all ex-

penditures for single voyages. From this data, compiled for ships in all trades, the Shipping Board feels that it can definitely establish the figure at which the Government can turn over its fleet to private interests with a certain degree of assurance that it will weather the competition with all foreign lines.

The Government has established forty-three trade routes, and it is manifest that some of these cannot be profitable. By merely varying the value of the ships on the books, this disparity can be remedied, and it thus will be possible for the Shipping Board to develop the virgin fields. There is one point upon which the shipowners and the Shipping Board promise to have a marked difference of opinion. In outlining the new agreement, the spokesman for the Government indicated that he did not think it would be possible for the Government to reach any conclusions as to the logical price until the middle of 1921. While the shipping interests are not impatient, they want Congress to adopt a national merchant marine policy without further delay, and they sincerely trust that included in this declaration will be the provision that the United States will turn over the field of ocean transportation to private enterprise.

To delay until 1921 would be ruinous, the shipowners say. The American Steamship Owners' Association has gone on record as favoring the sale of the Government-owned vessels at \$100 per deadweight ton. The shipowners think that the disposal of the fleet at this figure would offset the wage differentials that the British enjoy, and are willing to proceed along these lines.

Whether the shipping leaders will consent to such an experiment or not is a matter of speculation. They are willing to concede the fact that the data obtained would be indisputable, but they add that substantially the same information could be obtained without waiting until 1921.

In anticipation of those who may bring forward objections to the plan of waiting until 1921, the board has submitted the promise that the shipping companies which now have available funds to invest in ships may operate from the present until that time with an understanding that their investment will participate in the profits accruing from operation in direct proportion to the ratio the investment may bear to the value of the ships at the present prices, and that such investment will apply to the purchase of ships in 1921 at the then value.

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## Clearing the Way for American Investment in China

*Revival of the Consortium as a Four-Power Group to Extend Financial Aid to the Oriental Republic—Thomas W. Lamont on His Way to Lay the Terms of the Loan Before the Government and to Sound Japan on Her Co-operation*

WHILE the chances for extensive American financial activity in Europe seem to be going glimmering, developments of the last few weeks make it appear evident that American financiers will find employment a-plenty for whatever portion of their funds they are disposed to put out in China. The so-called "Chinese consortium" has been revived, this time as a Four-Power group instead of a Six or Five-Power affair, and the difficulties which once beset the efforts of American bankers to take advantage of this form of semi-official participation in Chinese finance seem to have disappeared.

It is much too early to say how extensive will be the outside aid to China. Reports, none of them substantiated, have been circulated that loans of anywhere from \$20,000,000 to \$150,000,000 will be extended to the Oriental Republic. An emergency loan of £5,000,000 has been approved by the Governments of the present Four-Power group, consisting of the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan, and doubtless the details will be announced by the bankers concerned at an early date. But the emergency loans an emergency transaction and nothing more, and if the comprehensive program is to be completed it will turn out to be merely the proverbial drop in the bucket.

Thomas W. Lamont of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. is now en route to the Orient for the dual purpose of discussing China's willingness to accept financial assistance on terms satisfactory to the American and European group and to ascertain just how the Japanese are willing to co-operate with the other interests in the venture. Upon the success of Mr. Lamont's mission much depends, and in view of his established ability as a negotiator high hopes of complete success are entertained, not only by his associates in the American group, but also by the participants in the British and French syndicates.

The story of the Chinese consortium is a decidedly interesting one.

### RECOGNITION FOR AMERICA

In 1909, during the Administration of Mr. Taft, the United States Government embarked on a policy of injecting American finance into international affairs. At the moment, with the great question of the hour, that of whether the United States is to remain a factor in worldwide questions or is to withdraw from the position forced upon it by the world war, it is interesting to look back at the initial efforts of Mr. Taft and his Secretary of State, Mr. Knox, to place the country on an equal footing with European countries in matters of international banking.

At that time a loan of £6,000,000 was being considered by a group of European bankers to the Hukuang Railway of China. British, French, and German bankers were carrying on the negotiations, and the Administration at Washington and the leading bankers in New York conceived the idea of gaining recognition for America as an international financial power by affiliation with the Europeans in the operation. Accordingly advances were made on the one hand to the European consortium and on the other to the Chinese Government. The banking negotiations were easily enough carried on and the negotiations with the Chinese Government also turned out reasonably satisfactorily. Incidentally the latter "conversations" brought a new figure into prominence.

The late Willard D. Straight, at that time United States Consul General at Mukden, was the man selected to carry on the delicate work of placing America's position before the Chinese and, in addition, the task of surveying the field both for the Government and the bankers. That brought Mr. Straight into prominence and opened a career which promised great things which almost surely would have been realized had not Mr. Straight, as a Major in the United States Army, died in December, 1918, in a French hospital.

The American group formed to handle our share of the Chinese loan was made up of J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the First National Bank, and the National City Bank. That continued to be the "American group" until the United States Government virtually ordered the withdrawal of American participation in March, 1913. At the present time, with the American group revised to include some thirty leading banks and banking houses, those four names, in the order given, head the list.

The real activities of the consortium began in February, 1912. The Four-Power group at that time was enlarged to a Six-Power group by the inclusion of Russia and Japan. The occasion was the request from China for a \$300,000,000 loan. The American group was composed of the banking houses and banks named above. Great Britain was represented by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of London, France by the Banque Indo-Chine of Paris, Germany by the Deutsche Asiatische Bank of Berlin, Russia by the Russo-Asiatic Bank of St. Petersburg, and Japan by the Yokohama Specie Bank.

From the beginning there was no difficult question of the amount desired by China, of the security to be offered, or the remuneration the bankers were to receive. There were serious hitches, however, over how the money was to be spent. China, according to the charges of the time, was suffering from all sorts of malfeasance in high places. The tax collection system was working well, but European bankers claimed it was working only for the benefit of Chinese officials. To assure proper expenditures and general economic conduct of fiscal affairs the foreign bankers demanded the creation of a commission to handle all matters relating to the expenditure of the proceeds of the loan, the collection of such taxes as were to be applied to its amortization, interest payments, &c.

By the latter part of June, 1912, the bankers had come to an agreement among themselves, but were unable to agree with Peking. Then, too, Russia and Japan became involved in a controversy among themselves after most details presumably had been settled. Japan desired some special consideration of her alleged interests in Manchuria which Russia refused to grant. The other European groups and that of the United States also were somewhat opposed to special recognition of Japanese affairs in China, but this matter, so far as public knowledge went at the time, was straightened out to the satisfaction of all concerned, so that on June 22, 1912, it was formally announced negotiations had been completed and a proposition submitted to Peking.

Then came a serious misunderstanding with China. The Chinese Government, at almost the last minute, refused to comply with many of the consortium's provisions, and for months the whole business hung fire.

Finally the size of the loan was reduced to \$125,000,000, concessions were made on all sides, and in March, 1913, just as Administrations at Washington were changing, the loan matter was again ready for consummation. Then the greatest bomb of all was exploded. Secretary of State Bryan, who had succeeded P. C. Knox, announced the position of the Wilson Administration as being absolutely opposed to assuming any responsibility for American participation in the consortium operation and promptly the American bankers withdrew.

### IDEA REVIVED

That ended the Six-Power group. Two months later the group, reduced to Five Powers, floated a loan of £25,000,000 in London and on the Continent. The offering price was 90, except in France, where it was 91, and it was reported that the bankers paid China 84 for the bonds. The flotation, from a banking viewpoint, was a great success, but the Chinese contended they had received less in actual money than they had bargained for, and a good deal of dissatisfaction was engendered. The following year the outbreak of the world war put an end to all further negotiations.

Early in 1918 the consortium idea was revived, and, oddly enough, by the American State Department. It was the belief of the department then that an American group should be formed to deal with Chinese affairs, and that when it was formed it should become part of an international group. An invitation was extended to the former American members of the Chinese group, and they in turn proceeded to organize by inviting about thirty leading banks and bankers of the country to participate. At the same time the State Department proposed to the Governments of Great Britain, France, and Japan that similar organizations be formed in their countries "with a view of assisting the Chinese Republic in her public enterprises."

The three foreign Governments agreed to this, and on May 12, 1919, an initial meeting was called

at Paris, with Mr. Lamont, the American banking representative, presiding. At that time general plans were made for the creation of a free and effective partnership to attend to China's requirements. The principles involved, according to a semi-official statement, were as follows:

1. That no country should attempt to cultivate special spheres of influence;
2. That all existing options held by a member of any of the national groups should, so far as it was practicable, be turned into the consortium as a whole;
3. That the four banking groups of the countries in question should act together in concert and in an effective partnership for the interests of China, and
4. That the consortium's operations should deal primarily with loans to the Chinese Republic or to provinces of the republic; or with loans guaranteed or officially having to do with the republic or its provinces, and in each instance of character sufficient to warrant a public offering.

The statement from which the above is taken continues thus:

"It was distinctly understood that the operations of the consortium should not interfere in any respect with private operations in China for the development of individual industrial, commercial, and banking projects, but that where the general interests of the republic or of its provinces were concerned the consortium would attempt to act as a unit and lend its financial aid to China. The general constitution and principles thus adopted at the meeting in Paris were presented to the Governments of the respective groups for their approval."

It is understood that all of the Governments concerned have given their approval to the general scheme, but the Japanese Government has undertaken to withhold, through reservations, full compliance as regards certain portions of China in which it feels that it has particular interests. To dissuade the Japanese is understood to be one of the prime reasons for Mr. Lamont's present trip to the Orient. It is known that he will consult with Japanese statesmen and bankers. A banker associated with Mr. Lamont said recently that he would attempt to ascertain definitely whether the Japanese groups desire to enter into the working partnership with the three other groups. That would seem to imply an alternative. If the Japanese are willing to enter the consortium on an equal footing with the others there can be little difficulty so far as the consortium is concerned. If they are not, then it is well within the realm of possibility that the other members of the group will decide to go it alone, without Japanese co-operation.

It is likely that before the consortium gets very far along in its negotiations its personnel will be enlarged. Russia and Germany both were members of the old Six-Power group, and if economic and political conditions in those countries should right themselves at a reasonably early date it is possible that they will again be included. This applies especially to Russia.

As for the advancing of actual money on Chinese loans, that burden for the next year or so, and probably for a somewhat longer time, is likely to fall upon the United States and Japan. The emergency loan of £5,000,000, recently approved by the several Governments in the consortium and presumably accepted by the Chinese Government, is expected to be supplied in equal parts by the United States and Japan, and doubtless other operations, if they are not too extensive, will be taken care of in the same manner.

Thus for the present the consortium is little more than political, so far as going ahead with actual work. Later, when conditions in Europe right themselves, there will be active participation in all of its functions by all of its members. But that time is still a little remote. Meanwhile the opening up of this field promises a considerable amount of work and of employment for whatever surplus capital American financiers may be able to muster for foreign enterprise.

Mr. Lamont will arrive in Japan in about two weeks. He will not be back in New York until the middle of June, according to his program, and it is hardly likely that anything very definite will be known until then.



# Forces Swaying Stocks and Bonds

## Stocks

**A** REVIVAL of interest in the rails was the outstanding feature of last week's stock market. It has been many months since the rails were a real market factor, yet in a twinkling they assumed the leadership and the industrials as a group were quite neglected at times. There was undoubtedly some good investment buying in the higher priced issues impelled by the reporting out of the conference report on the House and Senate Rail bills. In the opinion of many the rails have passed through the worst that can happen to them and with prices at their low level there was not only an incentive to investment buying but a speculative following was drawn into the market. It is far too early to estimate just how an individual road will fare under the bill, but there is an impression that the low-priced rails, such as Missouri Pacific, Wabash, Southern, Rock Island and others of similar standing will have a favorable position in the railroad adjustment. Some of the pronounced advances in the rail issues were recorded among the low-priced shares.

**American Beet Sugar Gains 3½**—The company, it is believed, will report excellent earnings for last year. The shares moved up easily on a small volume of trading.

**American Bosch Magneto Advances 4**—Some short covering helped this issue, and the advance attracted new buying for long account.

**American Can Gains ½**—The shares failed to rally with the rest of the market. There seems to be some doubt now as to whether a dividend on the common stock will be declared in the immediate future.

**American Car and Foundry Up 3¼**—There was good buying of this issue for investment account. Around the low levels the dividend yield looked particularly attractive.

**American Linseed Gains 2½**—Rumors continue to come forth that the dividend on the shares will be increased.

**American Locomotive Advances 4½**—The company has received orders for 105 locomotives within the last few days.

**American Woolen Up 3¼**—The shorts in this issue were punished. The supply of stock is not great around current levels.

**Ann Arbor Advances 5**—The stock has been picked up recently by speculators. The rise has been 9 points from the low of 7, which was made Jan. 17.

**Associated Dry Goods Off 1½**—Trade reports indicate that there is some falling off in retail business.

**Atchison Up 5¼**—The strong position of this stock led to fairly heavy trading, with investment buying playing a large part in the advance scored.

**Baldwin Locomotive Advances 2½**—Heavier domestic business is looked for by the equipment companies after the return of the railroads to private ownership on March 1. The annual reports showed excellent earnings.

**Baltimore & Ohio Gains 4¼**—There was speculative buying of this low-priced rail.

**Canadian Pacific Up 5**—The recovery in Canadian exchange cut off the selling from the Dominion.

**Central Leather Advances 3**—The annual report showed earnings of slightly more than \$30 a share.

**Chandler Motors Declines 3¼**—Earnings are running far in excess of dividend requirements. There was some bear pressure exerted against the issue. In some quarters doubt is expressed as to the position of the automobile industry in the face of tight credit conditions.

**Chesapeake & Ohio Gains 6¼**—It is believed that the company will fare well under the railroad bill which is now before Congress.

**Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Advances 4½**—Speculative buying came into this issue when the entire rail group firmed up.

**Chicago & Northwestern Up 4**—A moderate degree of investment buying served to lift the issue sharply.

**Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Gains 8¼**—This was one of the leaders in the speculatively impelled forward movement which developed in the low-priced rails.

**Colorado & Southern Advances 5½**—There was a heavy volume of speculative buying in the middle of the week on the strength of a clarification of the railroad problem.

**Crucible Steel Loses 5¼**—Short selling proved a factor in bringing about the decline.

**Denver & Rio Grande Preferred Up 4½**—This issue was known for a time as one of the oil rails, and last week speculative attention was again drawn to the shares, but rather because of the improved railroad outlook than the prospect of oil, which last Summer was the contributing influence to a sharp rise.

**Freeport-Texas Advances 3½**—There was a better demand for the oil shares. Short covering helped this issue.

**General Motors Gains 8¼**—The shorts were

badly punished in this stock. Covering was done at rapidly mounting prices after an early depression.

**Goodrich Advances ¾**—The shares failed to respond to a good earnings statement. This was probably due to the imminence of a new financing.

**Great Northern Preferred Up 6¼**—There was moderately heavy buying of this investment rail by those who believed the carriers had passed their worst period.

**Inspiration Copper Gains 2¼**—It is believed that despite an unfavorable exchange situation foreign buying of copper will come into the market before long.

**Lackawanna Steel Advances 1½**—With the railroads under private ownership this company will probably profit by some large orders for rails.

**Mexican Petroleum Gains 4**—The company is drilling new wells, and with increased tank steamers will be in a position to supply large quantities of Mexican fuel oil to help make up the shortage existing here.

**Missouri Pacific Advances 5¼**—The position of the company is held to be such that it will profit by the provisions of the railroad bill now before Congress.

**National Aniline Gains 5**—Short covering helped to lift the shares. The earnings position of the company is considered good, unless foreign competition appears in large volume.

**National Enameling and Stamping Up ½**—The earnings statement, showing more than \$20 a share on the common stock, found little reflection marketwise.

**National Lead Advances 4¼**—The quarterly dividend was increased from 1¼ to 1½ per cent., placing the shares on a 6 per cent. annual basis.

**New York, New Haven & Hartford Gains 9¼**—There was spirited buying of the shares by speculators in the low-priced rails.

**Norfolk & Western Advances 5½**—A moderate turnover served to carry the shares forward quickly in a strong railroad market. Investors were picking up the stock.

**Northern Pacific Up 5½**—The shares rose rapidly from near their low for the year. There was some heavy speculative purchasing intermixed with investment buying.

**Pan-American Petroleum Gains 8¼**—The shorts hurried to cover and the price rose rapidly. There was a better demand for all oil shares.

**Pressed Steel Car Up 6½**—The improved outlook for the equipment companies made a good demand for the stock of this company.

**Reading Advances 8**—With a firming up of the rail market, speculative attention was directed to this old-time favorite, with a sharp price advance resulting. The turnover for the week was about 80,000 shares.

**Republic Iron and Steel Loses 3**—Some selling pressure was exerted against the issue in the belief that the annual report will be quite unfavorable. The three quarterly reports have indicated the trend.

**St. Louis & San Francisco Up 6¼**—A big speculative following was drawn into this issue during the week.

**Southern Pacific Gains 5¼**—With the rail situation improved there was good buying of the stock, the oil holdings of the company not being lost sight of as improving the position of this rail.

**Southern Railway Advances 4½**—This issue was one of the leaders in the speculative movement in the low-priced rails.

**Texas Company Gains 1**—The shares have been steadily improving recently. Most of the buying is for investment, however, the speculative favor for the time being apparently having died out. Increasing prices for petroleum products portend higher earnings.

**Tobacco Products Up 1¼**—Short covering was in evidence when the market for industrials and rails became strong.

**Union Pacific Gains 4¼**—There was a good demand for the shares of this investment issue, even though generally speaking the high-priced rails are not supposed to benefit under the proposed railroad bill to the extent of the cheaper issues.

**United States Food Products Up 2½**—Bear pressure which has been exerted against the issue for some time was partially lifted.

**United States Rubber Advances 1½**—The forthcoming report, it is believed, will show record earnings. The shares are in demand on all recessions.

**United States Steel Gains ½**—This issue suffered somewhat by the switch of speculative attention from the industrials to the rails. Operations have been held up by the car shortage and the lack of fuel.

**Utah Copper Up 2**—The advance reflected the better outlook for the copper companies. Some large European orders for copper are expected during the next few months.

**Wabash Preferred A Gains 5¼**—This reorganized rail gained in speculative favor when the railroad bill was reported out of conference. It is felt by some that the road would be in a position to pay dividends on the A shares under even a moderately favorable railroad situation.

## Bonds

**T**HE bond market last week was one of considerable activity, particularly in the railroad section, which as a group featured the market the better part of the week, with good sized gains being made in a majority of the high-grade and in several of the second-grade issues. Dispatches from Washington indicate a quick passage of the Esch-Cummins railroad bill, as reported by the Conference Committee on Wednesday last, and this was interpreted as favorable to the general railroad situation. The bill in its present form provides, among other things, that the roads shall be returned to private ownership on March 1, 1920, and during the two years beginning on that date the Interstate Commerce Commission shall adopt 5½ per cent. as a fair return on the actual value of railroad properties and at its discretion may add a sum not to exceed a total of ½ per cent. for improvements, betterments or equipment chargeable to capital account. Pending the passage of this proposed legislation the more conservative element, it is said, is withholding its decision regarding the outlook for individual carriers. Trading in the Liberty issues was of large volume, with the course of prices rather irregular. The consensus among the leading bankers at the present time is that prices for these were not likely to touch the lows recorded during the break of a week or so ago. A great deal of this turn in spirit was brought about, it is thought, by the reported efforts being made to enlist the aid of Secretary of the Treasury Houston in a plan to stabilize investments made by the general public in Government securities.

That there seems to be a feeling prevalent that the proposed bills to be brought up in the New York State Legislature providing for an increase in traction fares are likely to be approved was manifest last week in the traction market generally, which was quite strong, especially the local issues. Industrials were fairly active, with the price trend somewhat irregular. The foreign Government bonds were heavily dealt in and prices showed considerable improvement toward the latter part of the week. What little trading was reported in over-the-counter business in municipals was at bargain prices.

Subscription books were opened in this country on Thursday by a group of American bankers, authorized by the French Finance Commission, for the new French Internal 5 per cent. Reconstruction Loan of 1920, which is a direct obligation of the French Republic. This loan, reference to which was made in these columns a week or so ago, will be retired at 150 per cent. (or 1,500 francs per 1,000 franc bond) at or before maturity (May 1, 1930) by semi-annual drawings beginning Sept. 16, 1920. Both principal and semi-annual interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) being free of all French taxes, present or future, will be payable in francs. The price at which subscriptions are being received is 1,000 francs per 1,000 franc bond.

A new issue of gold notes of the National Plate Glass Company, bearing 6 per cent. interest and amounting to \$4,000,000, was offered by Frazier & Co., Montgomery & Co. and Otis & Co. at prices yielding over 7 per cent. The notes are callable at the option of the company at not less than 101 for notes having one year or less to run, with ½ point additional premium for each additional year to run, on any interest date on sixty days' notice; maturities to be called in reverse order.

**Liberty Bonds Irregular**—The second 4½s, which is one of the very active issues of this group, rose from a low of 90.20 to 90.74, while the third 4½s advanced at one time from 92.90 to 93.10, but later started to decline until they touched 92.90. This was also true of the fourth 4½s, which moved up early from 90.50 to 91.00, then reacted to around 90.78. The Victory 4½s sold around 97.78 and 97.68, and the 3½s around 97.78 and 97.64.

**Rails Advance**—Of this group especial strength was noted in the St. Louis & San Francisco income 6s, which gained over eight points, to 48. The adjustment 6s of this company also advanced three points, to 62½. Other notable gains during the week were in the Rock Island, Arkansas & Louisiana 4½s, which moved up to around 62; Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe general 4s, to around 78; Baltimore & Ohio issues, the prior lien 3½s, to 82½; the gold 4s, to 64½; the convertible 4½s, to 64; the refunding 5s, to 63½; Chesapeake & Ohio convertible 4½s, to 74½; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific refunding 4s, to 64½; Missouri Pacific general 4s, to 57½, and the Union Pacific obligations, the first 4s to 82½ and the 6s to 104½. The Southern Pacific convertible 5s sold up to 102; the Illinois Central refunding 4s, to 72; the Seaboard

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## Bonds

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Air Line refunding 4s, to 74½, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy joint 4s, to 94½.

**Tractions Fairly Active**—The Interborough Metropolitan 4½s advanced during the week from a low of 16½ to 18½, with slight falling off to 18, and the Interborough Rapid Transit first and refunding 5s to 53½, later selling off a ½ to 53. Hudson & Manhattan first and refunding 5s (series "A") moved up at one time to 55½, dropped to around 54½, and then advanced to 55½.

**Industrials Irregular**—Some activity was displayed during the week in the American Telephone and Telegraph issues and also in the New York Telephone sinking fund 6s. The former were dealt in around 82 and 80 for the collateral trust 5s, and the convertible 6s around 97½ and 96½, while the latter were traded in around 92½ and 94. The United States Realty and Improvement 5s early gained over a point, to 76½, later declining to 75½, and the United States Steel sinking fund 5s moved up over two points, to 97½. United States Rubber first and refunding 5s advanced over two points, to 85½; the Wilson & Co. convertible 6s about a point, to 92, later dropping to around 91½. International Mercantile Marine sinking fund 6s gained about a point, to 88½.

**Foreign Bonds Active**—Much interest was centered during the week in the movement of the Anglo-French 5s, which sold up to 96½. The United Kingdom and Japanese issues were actively dealt in and toward the latter part of the week made good advances. The Japanese 4s of 1931 sold up to 60, the first 4½s to 74½, and the second 4½s to 73½. Imperial Chinese Government Railway 5s dropped from a high of 43½, made on Monday last, to around 42, with a recovery later to around 43.

**General Municipal Market**—Transactions in long-term municipals last week were few and far between. Short term financing, however, was more active. Important among the loans negotiated was the award early in the week by the State of Massachusetts to a syndicate made up of the Chase National Bank, the National Bank of Commerce and Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of New York, at 5.85 per cent. interest, of \$7,000,000 Soldier Bonus bonds, maturing Feb. 19, 1921, and \$3,000,000 Police Strike expense notes, due Nov. 18, 1920. Both issues were offered by the syndicate to investors at a price to yield 5½ per cent. and were all disposed of in about a day. Large blocks of New York City short-term bills were also sold during the week at around a 5½ per cent. interest basis.

## Financing Since Armistice

AS a partial answer to the question whether the great volume of securities that have been issued since the armistice is in excess of the legitimate needs of business, the Bankers Trust Company, in a book entitled "Important Financing Since the Armistice," presents some conclusions based on information compiled for special studies of American financing by its Securities Department. Probably the most unexpected of these conclusions is the deduction that productive units are represented today by a lesser amount of corporate securities than were productive units before the war.

During the nine months immediately following the signing of the armistice there were offered a total of \$1,716,000,000 of railroad, public utility and industrial securities, according to the tabulations presented by the company. These securities have been grouped in three sections: Railroads, \$262,000,000; public utilities, \$354,000,000; industrials, \$774,000,000. In addition to the above issues, which cover bonds, notes and preferred stocks only, there were marketed approximately \$326,000,000 par value of common stocks.

## Stocks—Transactions—Bonds

## STOCKS, SHARES

Week Ended Feb. 21

	1920	1919	1918
Monday .....	797,870	773,374	784,145
Tuesday .....	803,100	626,780	985,050
Wednesday .....	928,390	559,754	744,747
Thursday .....	922,375	857,083	605,004
Friday .....	1,076,780	840,300	Holiday
Saturday .....	463,300	Holiday	341,540
Total week .....	5,081,805	3,657,291	3,460,486
Year to date .....	36,408,275	19,401,624	22,358,786

## BONDS, PAR VALUE

	1920	1919	1918
Monday .....	\$10,785,500	\$10,056,000	\$5,463,000
Tuesday .....	12,575,600	11,526,000	4,392,000
Wednesday .....	11,397,200	13,896,500	4,445,000
Thursday .....	12,774,650	13,367,500	6,383,500
Friday .....	13,870,000	10,893,500	Holiday
Saturday .....	7,023,200	Holiday	2,382,000
Total week .....	\$68,426,150	\$59,679,500	\$23,065,500
Year to date .....	598,639,550	463,392,000	176,549,500

In detail the bond dealings compare as follows with the corresponding week last year:

	Feb. 21, '20	Feb. 22, '19	Changes
R. R. & misc. ....	\$15,141,000	\$7,588,000	+ \$7,553,000
Liberty .....	46,009,150	45,894,000	+ 175,150
Foreign .....	7,194,000	5,819,500	+ 1,374,500
State .....	1,000	329,000	- 328,000
City .....	21,000	49,000	- 28,000
Total all .....	\$68,426,150	\$59,679,500	+ \$8,746,650

## Stocks—Averages—Bonds

## TWENTY-FIVE RAILROADS

	High.	Low.	Last.	Net Same Day	Ch'ge. Last Yr.
Feb. 16 .....	52.62	51.73	52.01	-.50	61.37
Feb. 17 .....	54.95	52.10	54.62	+2.61	61.53
Feb. 18 .....	55.84	54.30	55.08	+ .46	61.63
Feb. 19 .....	57.53	54.80	57.29	+2.21	61.66
Feb. 20 .....	57.71	56.45	56.89	-.40	61.69
Feb. 21 .....	57.71	56.45	57.36	+ .41	Holiday

## TWENTY-FIVE INDUSTRIALS

	High.	Low.	Last.	Net Same Day	Ch'ge. Last Yr.
Feb. 16 .....	106.16	103.57	104.20	-2.24	84.28
Feb. 17 .....	105.18	102.38	104.63	+ .43	83.73
Feb. 18 .....	107.27	104.26	106.45	+1.82	84.67
Feb. 19 .....	106.83	105.27	106.14	-.31	84.93
Feb. 20 .....	109.02	105.49	108.02	+1.88	85.90
Feb. 21 .....	108.63	107.59	108.10	+ .08	Holiday

## COMBINED AVERAGE—FIFTY STOCKS

	High.	Low.	Last.	Net Same Day	Ch'ge. Last Yr.
Feb. 16 .....	79.39	77.45	78.10	-1.37	72.82
Feb. 17 .....	80.06	77.24	79.62	+1.52	72.63
Feb. 18 .....	81.55	79.28	80.76	+1.14	73.15
Feb. 19 .....	82.18	80.03	81.41	+ .95	73.29
Feb. 20 .....	83.36	80.97	82.45	+ .74	73.94
Feb. 21 .....	83.17	82.02	82.73	+ .38	Holiday

## Bonds—Forty Issues

	Close.	Net	Same Day
Feb. 16 .....	69.41	-.02	78.07
Feb. 17 .....	69.47	+ .06	78.00
Feb. 18 .....	70.01	+ .54	78.23
Feb. 19 .....	70.40	+ .39	78.22
Feb. 20 .....	70.85	+ .45	78.25
Feb. 21 .....	70.88	+ .03	Holiday

## STOCKS—YEARLY HIGHS AND LOWS—BONDS

	High.	Low.	High.	Low.
*1920 .. 92.18 Jan.	75.45 Feb.	72.51 Jan.	69.20 Feb.	
1919 .. 99.59 Nov.	69.73 Jan.	79.05 June	71.05 Dec.	
1918 .. 80.16 Nov.	64.12 Jan.	82.36 Nov.	75.65 Sep.	
1917 .. 90.46 Jan.	57.43 Dec.	80.48 Jan.	74.24 Dec.	
1916 .. 101.51 Nov.	80.91 Apr.	89.48 Nov.	86.19 Apr.	
1915 .. 94.13 Oct.	58.99 Feb.	87.62 Nov.	81.51 Jan.	
1914 .. 73.30 Jan.	57.41 July	89.42 Feb.	81.42 Dec.	
1913 .. 79.10 Jan.	63.09 June	92.31 Jan.	85.45 Dec.	
1912 .. 85.83 Sep.	75.24 Feb.			
1911 .. 84.41 June	69.57 Sep.			

\*To date.

## News Notes

UNDER the title "Seventy Points on the Income Tax," the Trust Department of the Mechanics and Metals National Bank of New York has issued a pamphlet pointing out the common errors of taxpayers in reporting net income under the Federal income tax law. The information contained in the booklet was compiled by Max Rolnik, formerly Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, and now of the firm of Leslie, Banks & Co., chartered accountants of New York City.

HARRY S. RONALDSON has been appointed manager of the bond department of the National Bank of Commerce in New York. Mr. Ronaldson entered the employ of the bank in July, 1918, in the bond department. He was made assistant manager of the department in June, 1919.

J. Sylvester MacDermott and Harvey A. Strong have been appointed assistant managers of the department.

A CHAIN of stores throughout South China and extending as far as Canton is planned by the American Drug Company of Shanghai, says the bulletin of the Far Eastern Bureau. A uniform style of architecture and decoration will be adopted so that the stores will be alike in appearance. As a result of this proposed development four more factories are to be erected in Shanghai.

DOUGLAS M. ROSS announces the opening of an investment business conducted under his own name, with offices at 68 Genesee Street, Utica, N. Y., dealing in high-grade bonds and local securities. Mr. Ross was formerly located with A. James Eckert & Co., and also the Mohawk Valley Investment Company.

A BOOKLET entitled "Men and Bonds" has just been issued by the National City Company. It contains an account of the international investment service and facilities of the company and shows how the purchase of good securities has been simplified.

THE National Bank of Commerce in New York has been appointed registrar of the preferred and common stock of George P. Ide & Co., Inc. The authorized issue is 20,000 shares preferred stock of the par value of \$100 and 75,000 shares of common stock of no par value.

WILLIAM A. GEHLE has been appointed office manager of MacQuoid & Coady, brokers, 14 Wall Street. For the last fifteen years he was associated with the Liberty National Bank, and until recently had charge of the publicity and new business department.

WILLARD KING, President of the Columbia Trust Company will be added to the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Bank of the Americas, the Columbia Trust Company having joined the group of banks and bankers which are shareholders in the Mercantile Bank.

THE Mechanics and Metals National Bank of the City of New York has issued a booklet on the Edge export finance act, giving the text of the measure and the text of the McLean-Platt act, together with a short explanation.

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# The Annalist Barometer of Business Conditions

**T**RADER conditions indicate more and more that the day of the seller's market is passing. To be sure there are certain lines in which no sign of slowing up is to be seen, but on the whole the spirit of conservatism and retrenchment is manifesting itself among buyers as a reflection of the tense credit situation brought about by the much-needed effort to bring about such a degree of deflation as shall result in falling prices for necessities. The raising of the rediscount rates at the Federal Reserve Banks was designed with the idea of contracting loans, but on the surface it would seem that the objective had fallen short of attainment through the preferential in favor of Government paper. As the borrowings on Treasury certificates have increased it is not improbable that the preferential may be eliminated or at least reduced by another rate increase.

The prospect of falling prices, although they have been noted in no sharp degree as yet, could not help but bring about caution in the placing of contracts for future delivery. This is the natural outcome of a drive against prices whether it be undertaken by the contraction of credit or comes as the sequence of overproduction. Buyers are now more inclined to purchase for immediate needs rather than to gamble with the future, and in view of this sellers in certain lines have made price concessions for forward delivery. Such concessions, however, are usually taken to portend further reductions and result in a slowing up rather than a stimulation of demand. The outstanding exception to the general spirit of conservatism is still to be found in iron and steel. There is still a scramble for such products with continued advances in prices. Furthermore few are willing to predict that the iron and steel and allied industries will show a slowing up for a long time. Taking the past as a criterion, however, it may be assumed that the slowing down when it does come will be rather abrupt.

One of the favorable developments of the week was the clarification of the railroad problem. With the Conference bill before the legislators it appears that the steps will be taken quickly that will pave the way for a return of the carriers on a basis that will at least forestall the disaster which threatened. That there is more confidence in the outlook for the rails is shown by the action of the bonds and stocks of the carriers. There was good buying of railroad bonds during last week and the stocks which for so long have been declining turned, with some pronounced gains to be shown. The buying was not confined to the high-priced rails, but infiltrated itself through the low-priced issues as well. The display was gratifying in that it gave a much improved tone to railroad securities, even though its inception probably originated with the speculative idea in mind. It is patent that there is much to be done before railroad issues will be rehabilitated with investors. But this must be accomplished if the railroads are to make headway against the obstacles that beset their path. Equipment financing, for instance, could hardly be undertaken in the present state of the market for railroad securities and equipment to a staggering amount will have to be purchased during the next two years if the efficiency of the carriers is to be maintained. Whether or no the railroad bill is all that could be desired the fact remains that it paves the way for constructive work for the railroads.

## Shipping

**T**HE rejection of all bids submitted by American companies for the fleet of thirty former German liners owned by the United States Government brought maritime affairs into the limelight last week. John Barton Payne, Chairman of the Shipping Board, advised the Senate committee that the board considered the sums offered too low. Judging from the sentiment expressed by various Congressmen, the title to the passenger liners will remain with the Government.

Senator Jones of Washington introduced a bill which would prohibit the sale of the vessels to private interests. Therefore there is every indication that the Shipping Board will proceed with the program for reconditioning the liners preparatory to placing them on regular routes. Contrary to what may be expected, the shipowners are not dissatisfied with the outcome. The Government will turn over the liners, after millions have been spent in modernizing and reconditioning them, to the various companies for operation. Thus the lines will be assured of an income without incurring any financial risks, as the operators will be paid as compensation a certain percentage of the

gross revenues derived from freights and passengers.

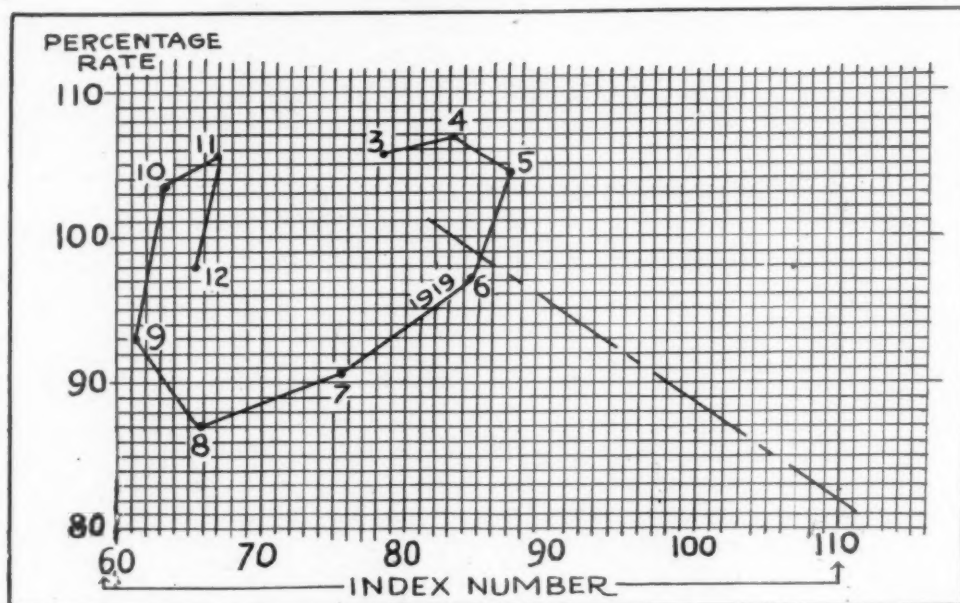
The cargo carriers will be placed upon a new basis in March. At a conference last week the shipowners and operators agreed to accept the new profit-sharing scheme which was sponsored by the Shipping Board. The steamship companies will set the rates, arrange for the upkeep of the vessels and handle them just as if the vessels were their own. At the end of every voyage an accounting will be made to the Government, and, if the income exceeds the expenses, there will be a division of the profits. This experiment has great possibilities. If it is successful, and the private interests show a disposition to reduce expenses, it is regarded as probable that the Government

New York Shipbuilding Company. The International Mercantile Marine Company has ordered a 33,000-ton ship for the Red Star Line, to be built by Harland & Wolff at its Belfast plant.

## Textiles

**L**IMITED trading again prevailed in the primary textile markets last week. If anything, buyers were even more cautious than during the previous week. Jobbers were not interested in the offerings of the cloth mills to any extent, because they had already covered their Fall needs as much as the claimed limitations on production would allow. With the retailers, however, the story was different. This is their season for buying Spring goods,

## Business Index Line



**F**ORECASTS of favorable business periods are indicated when the last four index numbers recorded disclose this relation: the third more than 108 per cent. of the second and more than 110 per cent. of the first, with the fourth more than 110 per cent. of the third.

Forecasts of unfavorable business periods are indicated when the index line crosses the dash-dot line and such periods are to be considered as continuing until the index numbers attain the relations noted above.

will continue in ocean transportation. If it results in the creation of a great deficit, there seems to be no doubt but that there will be a clamor to have the Government retire without delay as a ship-owning factor.

One of the first steps to Americanize shipping where possible was taken last week when President Wilson, by an executive order, revoked provisional licenses issued to aliens to serve as officers on American vessels. More than 2,300 "red ink" certificates were given to officers owing allegiance to various countries, and there has recently been a campaign by United States associations to oust them. The President stipulated that this would not affect those who had declared their intention of becoming citizens and had taken out their first papers.

One of the most absorbing developments is the fight that is being made for the freight carrying supremacy on the route from Hamburg and Bremen to New York. The only spirited bidding for former German ships came when the International Mercantile Marine Company and the American Ship and Commerce Corporation competed for the liners suited for this route. The Cunard Line Saturday dispatched the Saxon, one of its intermediate type passenger vessels, from New York to Hamburg, thus giving notice that the British interests did not propose to let the opportunity pass without competition.

The United States Steel Corporation, which has a fleet of twenty 9,600 deadweight ton cargo carriers building at the Federal and Chickasaw plants, has advised that it will inaugurate two regular services from Mobile in April. One route will go to Rotterdam, while the other will extend to the Far East by the way of the Panama Canal. Already the steel corporation has established a service from New York to Vancouver and another to the west coast of South America.

Shipbuilding has been quiet. The Standard Oil Company of New York has placed an order for three 12,500 deadweight ton tank steamers with the

but more than one of them has apparently close at heart the feeling that was voiced here last week by President S. P. Halle of the National Retail Dry Goods Association in its annual convention, to wit, that the era of high prices is coming to an end, and that it behooves the retailer, figuratively speaking, to watch his step.

It would be hard to discover a more featureless week in the colored cotton goods trade than that just passed. None of the mills had anything left to sell, so that put the jobbers out of it as buyers. Retailers bought wash goods in a fair way, but beyond that there is little to tell. In the unfinished cottons the story was about the same, although in this case there was a different situation regarding goods to be bought. Practically all of the sales made, none of which was really important, were for immediate or close-by delivery, with second hands the principal sellers. There was little of the irregularity that marked prices during the previous week, but evidences of a softening market were visible in several directions. Fine yarn cloths were extremely dull, as were sateens and the other so-called clothing styles, but prices on the former were relatively firm when compared with those asked for the latter. Sheetings also were easing off somewhat at the time of writing, and a gradual weakening of printcloth prices was also visible. In the latter, however, certain constructions were fairly firm as a result of their scarcity for prompt shipment, and in one or two cases quotations were around half a cent a yard higher than at the close of the previous week.

In the men's wear end of the woolen and worsted goods trade the belief continued to grow that the corner had been turned, and that prices are now due for the long-hoped-for (by the public) decline. The demand for goods was far from active. Possibly some of the apathy of buyers was due to the marked increase in imports of British wools, January exports of which were currently reported to be more than 50 per cent. higher than those of January, 1914. This was several months before the



war began, and shortly after the sharp reduction of duties from the rates levied by the famous Schedule K of the Payne-Aldrich tariff, which is another way of saying that American imports of British woolsens in January, 1914, were not small. And the increase referred to was in yards as well as in the dollars and cents value of the goods. Low rates of sterling exchange may yet prove to be the straw that will break the back of the high-woolens-price camel.

Reports concerning the amount of business placed with the silk manufacturers by the retail trade last week varied to a considerable extent, but the best indications were that it was none too large. Most retailers seem afraid to operate in a large way with prices at their present levels, and still tending upward, though much of this apparent fear may be due to checks placed upon them by their merchandise men. Certain it is that the manufacturers had plenty of time to mull over the official report of the raw silk branch of the Silk Association of America concerning the amount of raw material on hand here in warehouses and in the hands of manufacturers and throwsters. The report, which was issued for the purpose of setting at rest the wild tales concerning the vast amounts of raw silk held in storage here while prices rose like sky rockets, really had the opposite effect. It showed holdings in warehouses totaling 68,000 bales and in mills and throwing plants amounting to 25,000 more, or a grand total of 93,000 bales. At average current market prices, the value of this material is about \$200,000,000, which is fully twice as much as the quantity mentioned in the "wild stories" the report was meant to set at rest. In view of this, there is some question as to whether the present high cost of raw silks is due as much to rabid speculation at Yokohama as the importers of the material would like to have believed.

From the Scotch and Irish centres come increasingly pessimistic reports of the flax situation. Chances are said now to be about even that the spinning plants will soon have to close, either wholly or in part, pending the receipt of additional supplies of the fibre. Where they will come from, and when, seems left to the imagination to answer. Compulsory means of increasing the acreage devoted to flax in the British Isles, especially in Ireland, are under discussion in certain quarters, but they are not seriously regarded by the trade as a whole.

### Iron and Steel

STEEL manufacturers, despite the unfavorable trade conditions which are beginning to manifest themselves elsewhere, continue to be optimistic that 1920 will prove to be one of the most profitable years in the steel industry. There is no slackening of demand for steel products, in fact buyers appear to be just as eager to place forward commitments as two months ago. The producers, on the other hand, are in no wise anxious to clutter their books with the great mass of orders that could be accumulated. In general terms this year's production is sold out, and prices continue to soar. Pig iron, for instance, has advanced \$6 a ton since the first of the year.

Some companies are reported to be showing a preference now for railroad orders. It is probable that this sort of business will have a big place on the order books from the time the carriers are returned, on March 1. Already some of the roads are ordering equipment, and rails are being ordered in large tonnages. Since the normal purchasing of steel included about 30 per cent. of railroad business it is reasonable to suppose that this sort of buying, which has been dull, will increase from now on until it attains something approximating that which prevailed in the pre-war years.

Building lines continue to take some large tonnages, and it will be a long time before production catches up with structural demands. The building program has been so neglected that there is imperative demand for steel in this direction even though prices are high. Automobile manufacturers are having more and more difficulty in satisfying their demands. The auto industry is now using more steel than ever before in its history, and while the manufacture and use of passenger cars may fall off there is a broadening field of endeavor in the manufacture of trucks and tractors which are now being looked upon as necessities.

Conditions making for capacity production of iron and steel are lacking at the present time. Even though demand is excessive it is probable that the industry as a whole is not working at better than 80 per cent. of full production. The car and coal shortages are the chief unfavorable factors.

### Grain

THE stability of the grain markets gave way last week to a rapid series of price changes which were particularly disconcerting to traders. The markets were extremely irregular and nervous, with reports throughout the better part of the week conflicting.

In the corn markets, prices were firm at the opening. This was generally attributed to covering by the shorts in the nearer contracts, due chiefly to a stiffening tendency in the Chicago quotations for hogs and hog products, although reports from interior points indicated that farmers were offering but small portions of their holdings. In addition, the car situation remained uncertain, although there were some reports that more cars were obtainable for the transportation of grains to market than for several weeks.

This firm tendency gave way quickly to general uncertainty, and was followed shortly by declines in prices. The belief that lower prices for securities would be followed by lower prices for commodities plus the realization that public sentiment is strongly in favor of the latter, served as a depressing factor. In addition, the visible supply increased by 508,000 bushels, making the total for the week 4,172,000 bushels, as compared with 4,911,000 bushels last year. Bears predominated in the Chicago markets, although there were rumors that the order commandeering 70 per cent. of the cars arriving in Chicago for Grain Corporation loading had been canceled.

There was not so much evidence last week that interior banks were cutting down their loans to producers or demanding a higher interest for renewals or a lower crop valuation. Reports from interior points indicated that much grain is ready for shipment, but that there were not enough cars to carry it. In addition severe winter weather is holding back the movement.

In the wheat markets unsettled conditions were even more apparent than in corn. Early in the week prices moved forward substantially, but later there was a break of from 20 to 25 and 28 cents a bushel in the Western cash markets in spite of the fact that the visible supply decreased 3,022,000 bushels to a total of 55,212,000 bushels, as compared with a total last year at this time of 126,194,000 bushels. The market turned irregular and price changes were over a wide range, with quotations first advancing and then declining with bewildering rapidity.

The Gronna bill for abolishing the Grain Corporation has caused a great deal of uneasiness throughout the trade, and representatives of several commercial organizations and grain exchanges went to Washington in the course of the week to offer opposition to it. They asserted, with many others throughout the trade, that the corporation should run its allotted course, and that there is no substitute to be offered for it which would perform the functions of protecting the public the way it does.

### Acceptances

THE fact that call money remained stationary at 6 per cent. for virtually the entire week was not the overpowering bull argument on bankers' acceptances that many observers had expected it to be. With the exception of about five minutes at the start of demand loan operations on Monday, when the rate was held at 7 per cent., 6 per cent. was the maximum—and also the minimum—for the entire period. This, according to the set principles of the acceptance market, should have resulted in diverting a good volume of bank money, both local and interior, into acceptances. But it didn't. It was not until the closing days of the week, as a matter of fact, that the relatively low rate for call loans made any impression on the demand for bills, and then it required the vision of one who wanted to see to detect any chance for the better.

However, there was some improvement at the close and if the low rate for call and, what is more important, the failure of the demand to equal the supply, again obtains during the present week, there is a good chance that the improvement will be carried further this present week. It takes a little time to convince the bankers of the big interior cities that their funds cannot command the much-talked-of 10 and 15 per cent. call quotation when loans are being made freely at 6 per cent. Having read a good deal about the high rates, and having noted the constantly recurring flurries, they appear to be obsessed with the idea that a rich harvest merely awaits the offering of demand funds here, and are in no hurry to shift their position to the bill market.

But if the present low rate for call loans comes from the source most people think it does, which is the accumulation of a great sum of cash by corporations in anticipation of the March 15 taxes,

then call rates are going to stay down for another three weeks, and in such a period a good many opportunities for profitable loan investment may be lost by these same interior bankers, if they persist in withholding their money from bills and continue to seek investment only in Stock Exchange demand loans. Some of them already have seen the light, and doubtless more will the next few days, in which event the bill market should benefit.

Reports current had it that the Reserve Bank was a good buyer of bills at its established rates, which hinge around the 5½ per cent. quotation on ninety-day paper. The bank, in this respect, has been doing a valuable service to the market for some time past. With the falling off of demand from other quarters, the Reserve Bank has supplied a "bag" into which a good quantity of prime paper has fallen.

Dealers bought freely at times, but not consistently. Their buying rates remain within the range of 5½ to 6 per cent., with the higher rate favored over the lower. They have been selling at 5½ to 5¾ per cent. This is a slight change. In the week before last some dealers were holding bills as low as 5¼ per cent., but most of such offerings have disappeared lately.

### Money

FOR the first time, the New York Federal Reserve Bank has fallen below its reserve requirements. In last week's statement, after deducting 40 per cent. gold as cover against outstanding Federal Reserve notes, the bank had only 33.9 per cent. reserve against its deposit liabilities, as compared with the 35 per cent. required under the act. What the outcome of this will be remains to be seen. The Federal Reserve act gives the Federal Reserve Board the power to suspend, for a period of thirty days, the reserve requirements, and provides that a penalty, to be paid by the Reserve Bank but really to be assessed against the member banks rediscounting with the central institution, shall be charged on a graduated scale. But the act does not say what this penalty shall amount to when it is the reserve against deposit liabilities that is deficient. The exact rate of penalty for deficiency in gold reserve against outstanding notes is specified in the law.

But, whatever the Reserve Board may do, or what the local Reserve Bank authorities may decide upon, it is evident that something must be done, and quickly. The situation in this district has ceased to be a thing to speculate upon. Now action is needed. In other words, a deficit in reserves is no longer a theory; it is an actuality.

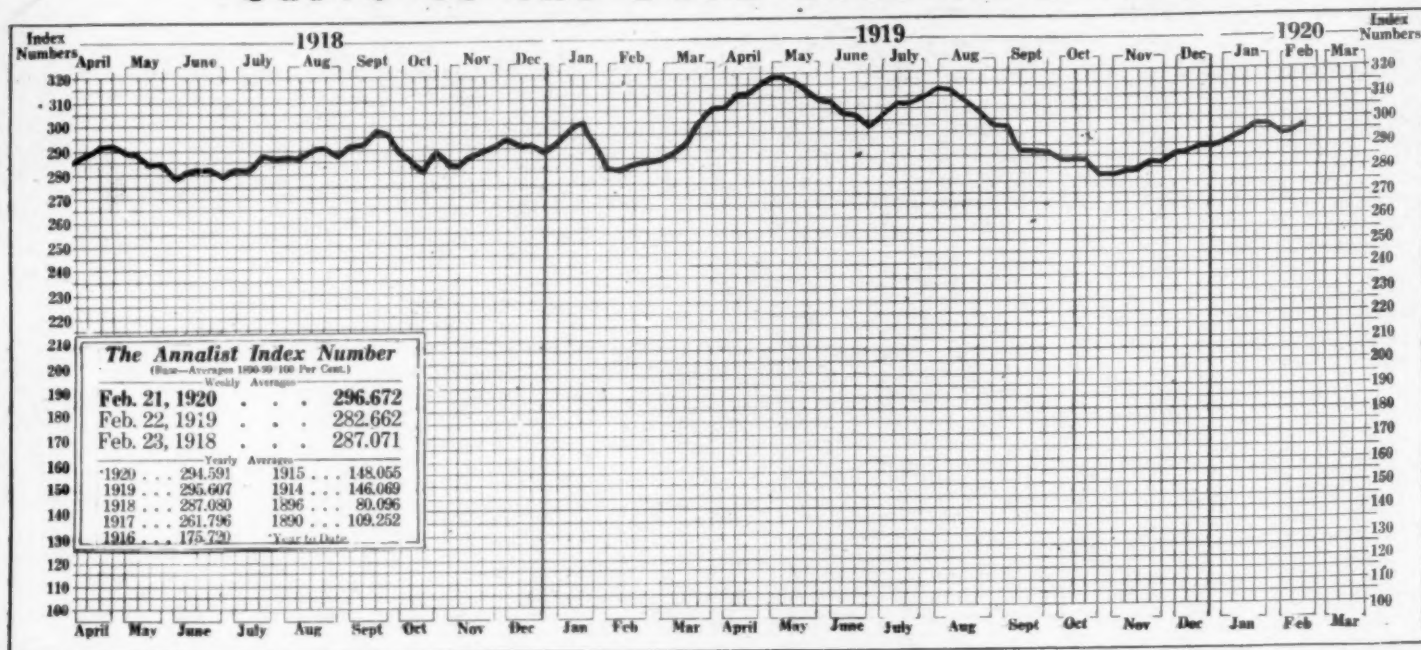
In looking backward at the financial displays of the past few weeks it is easy enough to see what has happened. Probably the two chief causes for the present situation are the continued withdrawal of Government deposits from local banks and the failure of the same banks to get their loan accounts down to proper proportions. Since the first week in January Government deposits, which then stood at \$311,664,000, have been coming down steadily and rapidly. In Saturday's statement of actual condition they were at the low point of \$26,354,000, a decline thereby represented of \$285,000,000 in seven weeks. This would not be so bad if the loss in Government deposits were being compensated by expansion in other deposit accounts. But there is no compensation of this kind. Quite to the contrary. Demand deposits in the same weeks have come down \$133,000,000, and even time deposits, usually very stable, have diminished by \$8,000,000, making a total loss to the associated banks in the several deposit accounts of the huge sum of \$426,000,000, and all lost within the very short span of seven weeks.

Meanwhile the loan account in the associated banks has been undergoing some interesting changes. On the total of all "loans and discounts" there has been a shrinkage since the beginning of the year of \$278,000,000. But this shrinkage has been brought about in the face of an expansion in the new item, acceptances, bills payable, &c., of \$108,000,000. This latter is the strictly commercial borrowing which is so much discussed and so little understood. Incidentally, it is the kind of borrowing the banks can reimburse themselves on at the Reserve Bank. Thus, if this increase is deducted from the total loan item, it becomes patent that the liquidation in loans other than those of the "strictly commercial" character really has been \$385,000,000 since Jan. 3. Probably a good part of that represents liquidation of stock market loans, for competent judges estimate that stock market loans are between \$250,000,000 and \$275,000,000 less now than they were seven weeks ago, when the turn into the new year occurred.

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## FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

	Last Week.	Same Week Last Year.	Year to Date.	Same Period Last Year.
Sales of stocks, shares....	5,081,865	3,657,201	30,408,275	19,401,624
Sales of bonds, par value.	\$68,426,150	\$59,079,500	\$508,639,550	\$463,392,000
Av. price of 50 stocks....	(High 83.36 Low 77.05)	(High 74.13 Low 72.08)	(High 92.18 Low 75.45)	(High 74.99 Low 69.73)
Av. price of 40 bonds....	(High 70.88 Low 69.41)	(High 78.25 Low 78.07)	(High 72.51 Low 69.20)	(High 79.01 Low 77.76)
Average net yield of ten high-priced bonds.....	5.287%	4.855%	5.178%	4.835%
New security issues.....	\$6,900,000	\$15,200,000	\$181,040,000	\$280,700,000
Refunding .....	5,000,000		61,219,248	79,884,000

## POTENTIALS OF PRODUCTIVITY

## The Metal Barometer

	—End of January—		—End of December—	
	1920.	1919.	1919.	1918.
U. S. Steel orders, tons...	9,285,441	6,684,268	8,265,306	7,379,152
Daily pig iron capacity, tons	97,264	106,525	84,944	110,762
Pig iron, production, tons..	*3,015,181	*3,302,200	†2,633,268	†3,433,617

\*Month of January, 1920 and 1919. †Month of December, 1919 and 1918.

## Building Permits (Bradstreet's)

—January—		—December—		—November—	
1920.	1919.	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
144 Cities.	144 Cities.	150 Cities.	150 Cities.	158 Cities.	158 Cities.
\$118,527,277	\$20,950,143	\$145,137,453	\$18,274,431	\$137,746,260	\$18,266,092

## Alien Migration

	June		May		April	
	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.
Inbound .....	17,987	14,247	15,093	15,217	16,860	....
Outbound .....	123,522	4,964	17,800	12,517	17,203	....
Balance....	-105,535	+9,283	-2,707	+2,700	-343	....

## MEASURES OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY

## Bank Clearings

Entire country estimated from complete returns from cities representing 92.3 per cent. of the total. Percentages show changes from preceding year.

	The Last Week.	P. C. The Week Before.	P. C. Year to Date.	P. C.
1920.....	\$8,550,000,000	+52.3	\$7,350,000,000	+26.6
1919.....	5,600,000,000	+5.5	5,813,000,000	+13.7
			53,593,700,000	+17.8

## Gross Railroad Earnings

	First Week in Feb.	Fourth Week in Jan.	Third Week in Jan.	Month of December.	From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.
	13 Roads.	14 Roads.	13 Roads.	186 Roads.	186 Roads.
1919.....	\$7,839,850	\$9,638,583	\$7,184,286	\$453,288,918	\$5,184,230,244
1918.....	6,680,392	8,861,350	7,029,507	441,454,632	4,926,593,957
Gain or loss..	+\$1,159,467	+\$777,233	+\$154,716	+\$11,834,286	+\$257,636,287
	+17.50%	+8.77%	+2.20%	+2.65%	+5.63%

## WEEK'S PRICES OF BASIC COMMODITIES

	Current Minimum. Price.	Range 1920.		Mean Price 1920.	Mean Price of Other Years	
		High.	Low.		1919.	1918.
Copper: Lake, spot, per lb.....	\$0.19	\$0.19 1/2	\$0.19	\$0.1925	\$0.1925	\$0.2475
Cotton: Spot, middling upland, lb....	.3900	.3975	.3755	.3965	.32625	.3250
Hemlock: Base price per 1,000 feet..	57.00	48.00	52.50	37.75	32.50	
Hides: Packer, No. 1, native, lb.....	.40	.41	.38	.3850	.40	.295
Petroleum: Pa. crude at well, bbl....	5.65	5.00	5.3250	4.50	3.875	
Pig iron: Bessemer, at Pitts., per ton..	43.40	37.40	40.40	33.875	35.95	
Rubber: Up river, fine, per lb.....	.45	.49	.45	.47	.54	.6250
Silk: Japan, Simshu No. 1, per lb....	14.50	17.85 1/2	13.75	15.7875		

## Barometrics

## THE STATE OF CREDIT

## All New York Clearing House Institutions, Average Figures.

	Loans.	Deposits.	Cash Reserve.	P. C.
Week Ended			Amount.	
Feb. 21, 1920.....	\$5,109,795,000	\$4,347,857,000	\$593,272,000	13.0
Feb. 14, 1920.....	5,148,388,000	4,391,822,000	573,935,000	13.0
Feb. 7, 1920.....	5,224,190,000	4,427,647,000	578,888,000	13.0
Jan. 31, 1920.....	5,246,156,000	4,406,346,000	570,653,000	12.9
Jan. 24, 1920.....	5,301,407,000	4,453,855,000	590,332,000	13.2
Jan. 17, 1920.....	5,346,586,000	4,407,065,000	578,194,000	13.1
*U. S. deposits deducted, \$40,205,000.				
Feb. 21, 1919.....	4,794,050,000	3,945,538,000	537,778,000	13.0
Feb. 15, 1919.....	4,743,092,000	3,921,493,000	537,560,000	13.7
Feb. 8, 1919.....	4,773,109,000	3,964,010,000	554,900,000	13.9
Feb. 1, 1919.....	4,774,817,000	4,048,539,000	556,281,000	13.7
Jan. 25, 1919.....	4,793,827,000	4,066,878,000	548,642,000	13.4
Jan. 18, 1919.....	4,755,963,000	4,089,422,000	573,819,000	13.9
This year's high.....	5,386,606,000	4,453,855,000	590,332,000	13.3
in week ended.....	Jan. 10.	Jan. 24.	Jan. 3.	
This year's low.....	5,109,795,000	4,347,857,000	566,272,000	13.0
in week ended.....	Feb. 21.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 21.	
Last year's high.....	5,422,504,000	4,554,975,000	628,325,000	14.4
in week ended.....	Oct. 18.	Sept. 20.	Sept. 20.	
Last year's low.....	4,700,068,000	3,921,493,000	537,560,000	12.8
in week ended.....	Jan. 4.	Feb. 15.	Feb. 15.	

## Foreign and Domestic Exchange Rates

Exchange on New York at Chicago last week was par; at Boston it stood at par all week; at St. Louis 15@25c discount, and at San Francisco par. The week's range of exchange on the principal foreign centres last week compared as follows:

		—Last Wk.—		—Prev. Wk.—		—Yr. to Date—		—Same Wk., 1919—	
Demand:		High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.
London		3.74 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3.35 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3.46	3.35 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3.79 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3.19	4.75 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4.75 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Paris		13.22	14.38	13.92	14.55	10.74	15.15	5.45 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	5.45 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Switzerland		6.07	6.22	5.98	6.04	5.46	6.22	4.90 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4.92
Holland		37.625	36.875	37.75	37.1875	39.00	36.875	41.16 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	41.12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Italy		17.65	18.30	17.62	18.77	13.20	19.72	6.36 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	6.36 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Russia		3.25	2.75	3.25	3.00	4.70	2.50	16.25	15.20
Copenhagen		15.00	14.40	14.85	14.35	19.15	14.35	25.87 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	25.87 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Stockholm		18.80	18.25	18.70	18.35	21.40	17.20	27.80	27.80
Christiania		17.55	17.00	17.25	17.00	20.30	16.35	27.20	27.15
Cables:									
London		3.48	3.36	3.46 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3.36	3.80 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3.19 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4.76 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4.76 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Paris		13.20	14.36	13.90	14.53	10.72	15.13	5.45 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	5.45 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Switzerland		6.05	6.20	5.96	6.02	5.44	6.20	4.89 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4.88
Holland		37.75	37.00	37.875	37.3125	39.25	37.00	41.68 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	41.12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Italy		17.63	18.28	17.60	18.25	13.18	19.70	6.35	6.35
Russia		2.60	2.15	2.85	2.65	4.60	2.15	16.15	15.10
Copenhagen		15.15	14.55	15.00	14.50	19.20	14.50	26.10	26.10
Stockholm		18.95	18.40	18.85	18.50	21.55	17.85	28.25	28.10
Christiania		17.70	17.20	17.40	17.15	20.45	16.50	27.45	27.40

## Cost of Money

	Last Week.	Previous Week.	Year to Date.	—Same Week—		
			High.	Low.	1919.	1918.
New York:						
Call loans .....	7 @ 6	14 @ 6	25	8	6 @ 4½	6 @ 3
Time loans, 60-90 days.....	9 @ 8	9½ @ 8½	10	7	5½ @ 6½	6 @ 5½
Six months .....	9 @ 7½	9 @ 8	10	7	5½ @ 6½	6 @ 5½
Commere. discounts, 4-6 mos. 6½		6½	6½	6	5½ @ 5½	6 @ 5½
Other cities:	By Telegraph to The Annalist					
Commercial discounts, 4 to 6 months' bank rates:						
Boston .....	6 @ 5½	6 @ 5½	6	5½	6 @ 5½	6 @ 5½
St. Louis .....	6	6	6	6	6	6½ @ 5½
Chicago .....	6 @ 5½	6 @ 5½	6	5½	6 @ 5½	6 @ 5½

## Comparison of Week's Commercial Failures (Dun's)

	Week Ended Feb. 19, 1920.	Week Ended Feb. 20, 1919.	Week Ended Feb. 21, 1918.	Week Ended Feb. 22, 1917.	Week Ended Feb. 24, 1916.
	To-Over tal.	To-Over tal.	To-Over tal.	To-Over tal.	To-Over tal.
East .....	38	20	77	25	95
South .....	36	7	34	13	74
West .....	32	16	51	18	65
Pacific .....	18	8	20	6	33
United States .....	124	51	188	61	267
Canada .....	16	6	15	6	30

## Failures by Months

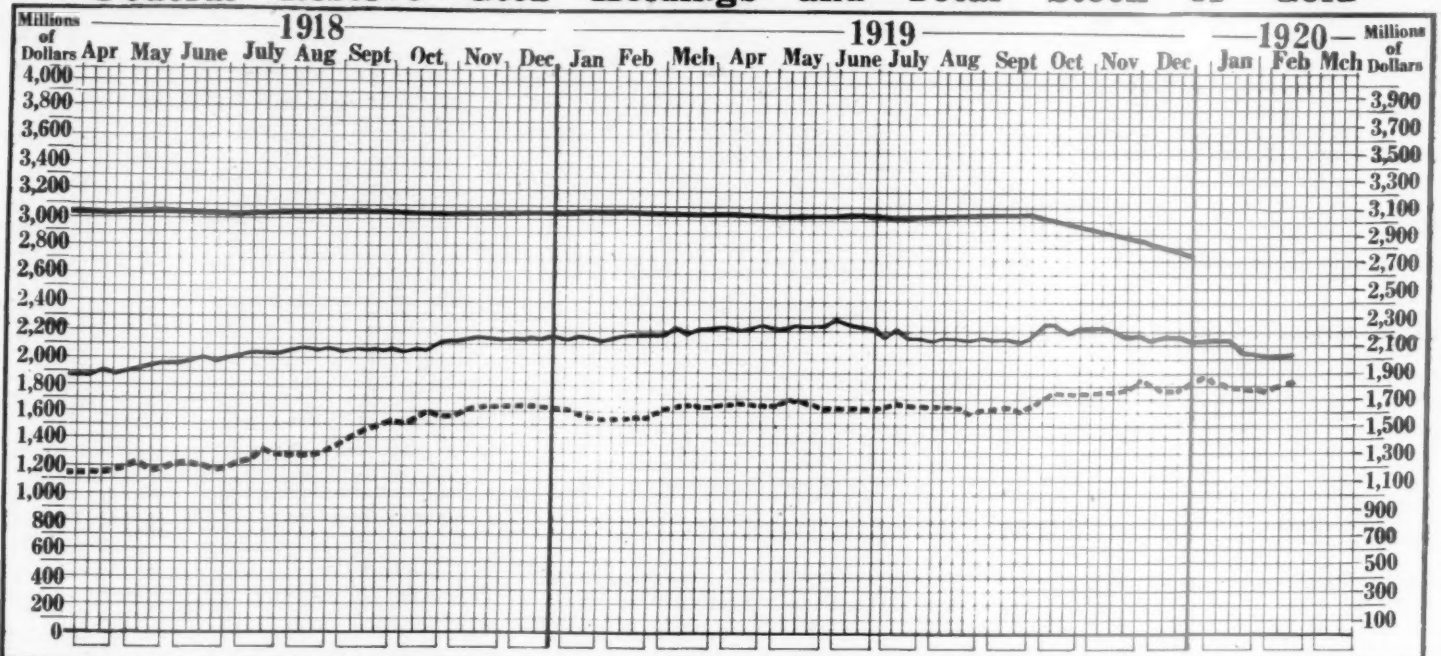
	January 1920.	January 1919.	January 1918.	January 1917.	January 1916.
Number .....	569	673	6,451	9,982	13,858
Liabilities .....	\$7,240,032	\$10,736,398	\$113,291,237	\$163,019,979	\$182,441,373

## OUR FOREIGN TRADE

	December 1919.	December 1918.	December 1917.	December 1916.
Exports .....	\$681,412,962	\$565,855,112	\$7,921,847,555	\$6,140,087,545
Imports .....	380,710,525	210,886,517	3,904,406,329	3,031,212,710
Excess of exports.....	\$300,702,437	\$354,968,595	\$4,017,441,226	\$3,117,874,835



## Federal Reserve Gold Holdings and Total Stock of Gold



The space between the base line and the broken line represents the cash reserves required, that between the broken line and the light line the excess reserves, or free gold, and the whole space between the base line and the heavy line represents the total stock of gold. The supply is computed monthly, so that the record can never be brought to the date of publication. The chart records the last figures published.

Bank Clearings					By Telegraph to The Annalist				
Week Ended Saturday, Feb. 21					Last Week				
Central Reserve cities.					Other cities.				
1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.		1920.	1919.	1920.	1919.	
New York.....	\$4,570,891,402	\$3,090,848,998	\$40,272,253,814	\$30,165,730,796	Baltimore.....	\$86,316,997	\$64,014,008	\$716,348,871	\$622,543,685
Chicago.....	651,062,103	439,296,201	5,062,316,729	3,991,845,711	Buffalo.....	44,684,178	18,182,555	325,890,509	178,415,640
St. Louis.....	178,332,652	130,128,377	1,382,033,085	1,224,112,744	Cincinnati.....	71,675,290	46,791,451	544,670,687	462,896,919
Total 3 C. R. cities.....	\$5,400,286,157	\$3,630,172,576	\$46,716,603,628	\$35,381,680,251	Columbus, Ohio.....	12,792,400	9,601,300	115,616,200	85,972,700
Increase.....	48.7%	32.03%			Denver.....	24,015,138	15,044,384	184,838,498	141,165,878
Other Federal Reserve cities:					Indianapolis.....	20,735,000	10,782,000	146,052,000	109,359,000
Boston.....	\$380,408,504	\$231,367,987	\$3,117,973,544	\$2,470,878,473	Los Angeles.....	76,561,600	31,619,000	561,169,000	271,825,000
Cleveland.....	133,826,393	76,088,997	1,005,281,896	721,996,931	Milwaukee.....	29,493,033	22,438,828	200,778,891	236,516,335
Kansas City, Mo.....	245,617,700	153,229,475	1,982,059,144	1,450,346,171	Omaha.....	50,258,871	44,324,599	478,371,642	442,186,627
Philadelphia.....	495,747,066	330,671,628	3,630,272,790	3,078,792,269	Pittsburgh.....	180,511,102	103,211,034	1,242,981,281	997,962,834
Richmond.....	66,562,000	44,196,000	560,207,315	407,734,000	Providence.....	14,496,000	8,122,700	121,674,400	83,874,500
San Francisco.....	164,631,892	102,744,599	1,264,167,713	842,582,895	St. Paul.....	18,042,973	12,660,003	145,536,540	124,306,718
Total 6 cities.....	\$1,486,823,555	\$938,301,686	\$11,550,962,312	\$8,972,329,739	Seattle.....	44,624,921	28,560,228	313,938,717	272,089,374
Increase.....	58.4%	28.8%			Washington.....	17,613,029	12,275,465	119,309,903	102,197,287
Total 9 cities.....	\$6,887,109,712	\$4,568,474,262	\$58,276,565,940	\$44,354,019,990	Total 14 cities.....	\$700,819,912	\$427,627,546	\$5,267,177,229	\$4,131,372,497
Increase.....	50.7%	31.4%			Increase.....	63.8%	27.5%		
Total 23 cities.....					Total 23 cities.....	\$7,587,929,624	\$4,996,101,808	\$63,543,713,169	\$48,485,392,487
Increase.....					Increase.....	51.8%	31.05%		

Statements of the Federal Reserve Banks												Feb. 20
Actual Condition												
Dist. 1.	Dist. 2.	Dist. 3.	Dist. 4.	Dist. 5.	Dist. 6.	Dist. 7.	Dist. 8.	Dist. 9.	Dist. 10.	Dist. 11.	Dist. 12.	
Boston.	New York.	Philadelphia.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kansas City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	
Gold reserve.....	\$1,808,800,000	\$266,782,000	\$133,964,000	\$188,572,000	\$79,340,000	\$95,234,000	\$337,690,000	\$4,639,000	\$54,384,000	\$80,451,000	\$60,725,000	\$148,241,000
Bills on hand.....	194,415,000	1,036,708,000	206,877,000	232,061,000	114,045,000	116,987,000	429,257,000	112,083,000	73,184,000	110,816,000	66,595,000	194,469,000
Resources.....	474,084,000	1,916,444,000	467,809,000	535,573,000	279,034,000	273,733,000	948,046,000	294,012,000	168,758,000	392,451,000	203,612,000	415,081,000
Due to members.....	115,353,000	707,113,000	91,309,000	139,438,000	70,297,000	58,059,000	279,573,000	69,403,000	50,472,000	94,613,000	67,171,000	118,177,000
N't's in circula't'n.....	254,247,000	817,411,000	238,059,000	270,050,000	129,632,000	146,262,000	501,228,000	137,133,000	82,141,000	101,563,000	76,782,000	222,616,000

## Federal Reserve Bank Statement

Consolidated statement of the twelve Federal Reserve Banks compares as follows:

RESOURCES—	Last Week.	Previous Week.	Year Ago.
Gold coin and certificates.....	\$200,973,000	\$202,425,000	\$350,417,000
Gold settlement fund, F. R. Board.....	396,138,000	424,832,000	457,889,000
Gold with foreign agencies.....	112,822,000	112,822,000	5,829,000
Total gold held by banks.....	\$709,933,000	\$740,079,000	\$814,135,000
Gold with Federal Reserve agents.....	1,150,798,000	1,121,757,000	1,197,983,000
Gold redemption fund.....	100,083,000	126,544,000	112,923,000
Total gold reserves.....	\$1,960,814,000	\$1,988,380,000	\$2,125,041,000
Legal tender notes, silver, &c.....	65,626,000	64,133,000	66,491,000
Total reserves.....	\$2,026,440,000	\$2,052,513,000	\$2,191,532,000
Bills discounted: Secured by Gov- ernment war obligations.....	1,525,203,000	1,460,562,000	1,596,458,000
All other.....	833,321,000	823,873,000	221,996,000
Bills bought in open market.....	531,703,000	542,600,000	269,920,000
Total bills on hand.....	\$2,890,227,000	\$2,836,035,000	\$2,088,374,000
U. S. Government bonds.....	26,775,000	26,775,000	28,065,000
U. S. Victory notes.....	63,000	63,000	
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	268,610,000	290,317,000	147,123,000
All other earning assets.....			4,000
Total earning assets.....	\$3,185,675,000	\$3,153,190,000	\$2,263,596,000
Bank premises.....	\$11,144,000	\$11,103,000	\$8,960,000
Uncol. items and other deductions from gross deposits.....	1,029,653,000	1,052,333,000	633,806,000
Five p. c. redemption fund against Federal Reserve Bank notes.....	12,724,000	12,114,000	6,800,000
All other resources.....	3,851,000	4,122,000	8,480,000
Total resources.....	\$6,278,487,000	\$6,285,375,000	\$5,113,192,000
LIABILITIES.	Last Week.	Previous Week.	Year Ago.
Capital paid in.....	\$90,531,000	\$89,674,000	\$81,406,000
Surplus.....	120,120,000	120,120,000	22,738,000
Government deposits.....	75,587,000	24,218,000	205,675,000
Due to members—reserve account.....	1,828,891,000	1,837,865,000	1,563,912,000
Deferred availability items.....	815,606,000	880,451,000	480,257,000
Other deposits included for Govern- ment credits.....	95,366,000	97,044,000	114,758,000
Total gross deposits.....	\$2,815,450,000	\$2,839,578,000	\$2,364,602,000
Fed. Res. notes in actual circulation.....	2,977,124,000	2,959,087,000	2,466,248,000
F. R. Bk. notes in circula't'n, net liab.....	240,858,000	245,810,000	133,465,000
All other liabilities.....	34,404,000	31,106,000	44,733,000
Total liabilities.....	\$6,278,487,000	\$6,285,375,000	\$5,113,192,000
Ratio of total reserves to net deposit and F. R. note liab. combined.....	42.7%	43.2%	52.2%
Ratio of gold reserves to F. R. notes in circulation after setting aside 35 per cent. against net deposit liabilities.....	47.4%	48.2%	64.3%

## Statement of Member Banks

Data for Federal Reserve cities and in Federal Reserve branch cities.

	New York		Chicago	
	Feb. 13.	Feb. 6.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 6.
No. of reporting banks.....	71	71	50	50
U. S. bonds to sec. cir.....	\$38,940,000	\$39,190,000	\$1,438,000	\$1,438,000
U. S. bds., incl. Lib. bds.....	208,731,000	211,549,000	24,945,000	24,767,000
U. S. Victory notes.....	72,823,000	72,075,000	15,361,000	15,772,000
U. S. cts. of indebtedness.....	274,921,000	290,493,000	38,705,000	41,475,000
Total U. S. securities.....	595,415,000	613,308,000	80,449,000	83,452,000
Lns. sec. by U. S. bds. &c.....	435,582,000	448,714,000	66,886,000	67,545,000
Lns. sec. by stks. & bds.....	1,213,675,000	1,208,784,000	384,940,000	386,559,000
All other loans and inv.....	3,096,535,000	3,093,501,000	850,880,000	835,785,000
Res. with Fed. Res. Bk.....	626,485,000	639,901,000	138,845,000	145,557,000
Cash in vault.....	115,177,000	110,235,000	38,097,000	37,710,000
Net demand deposits.....	4,647,471,000	4,663,058,000	985,018,000	986,520,000
Time deposits.....	298,216,000	304,811,000	267,156,000	266,952,000
Government deposits.....	70,831,000	96,830,000	12,121,000	12,692,000
Bills pay. with F. R. Bk.....	401,394,000	389,302,000	56,154,000	53,450,000
Bills redis. with F. R. Bk.....	342,062,000	308,444,000	115,565,000	105,178,000
—All Reserve Cities.—				
	Feb. 13.	Feb. 6.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 6.
No. of reporting banks.....	276	276	193	193
U. S. bonds to sec. cir.....	\$101,270,000	\$101,557,000	\$70,804,000	\$70,804,000
U. S. bds., incl. Lib. bds.....	329,491,000	332,872,000	142,821,000	141,744,000
U. S. Victory notes.....	112,645,000	112,299,000	53,324,000	54,714,000
U. S. cts. of indebtedness.....	463,015,000	489,339,000	149,280,000	152,994,000
Total U. S. securities.....	1,006,421,000	1,036,067,000	416,229,000	420,256,000
Lns. sec. by U. S. bds. &c.....	698,246,000	713,669,000	125,301,000	123,974,000
Lns. sec. by stks. & bds.....	2,330,808,000	2,391,252,000	475,057,000	478,266,000
All other loans and inv.....	6,141,375,000	6,149,340,000	1,952,994,000	1,927,845,000
Res. with Fed. Res. Bk.....	1,026,661,000	1,044,730,000	198,855,000	204,104,000
Cash in vault.....	220,166,000	209,476,000	78,145,000	71,344,000
Net demand deposits.....	8,022,297,000	8,018,570,000	1,772,305,000	1,743,351,000
Time deposits.....	1,153,365,000	1,159,684,000	797,984,000	785,364,000
Government deposits.....	115,682,000	153,717,000	26,863,000	31,465,000
Bills pay. with F. R. Bk.....	668,357,000	641,245,000	195,256,000	196,509,000
Bills redis. with F. R. Bk.....	841,071,000	769,173,000	102,542,000	102,168,000
—All Other Reporting Banks.—				
	Feb. 13.	Feb. 6.	Feb. 13.	Feb. 6.
Number of reporting banks.....	335	335		
U. S. bonds to secure circulation.....	\$97,160,000	\$96,902,000		
U. S. bonds, including Liberty bonds.....	122,207,000	123,326,000		
U. S. Victory notes.....	45,729,000	45,304,000		
U. S. certificates of indebtedness.....	83,600,000	88,735,000		
Total U. S. securities.....	348,696,000	354,267,000		
Loans secured by U. S. bonds, &c.....	98,868,000	101,134,000		
Loans secured by stocks and bonds.....	416,299,000	419,992,000		
All other loans and investments.....	1,704,627,000	1,697,694,000		
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	172,855,000	168,325,000		
Cash in vault.....	84,968,000	66,398,000		
Net demand deposits.....	1,756,475,000	1,751,914,000		
Time deposits.....	549,513,000	549,864,000		
Government deposits.....	14,289,000	17,986,000		
Bills payable with Federal Reserve Bank.....	101,907,000	101,207,000		
Bills rediscounted with Federal Reserve Bank.....	73,781,000	73,642,000		



# New York Stock Exchange Transactions

Highest and lowest prices of the year are based on sales of 100 shares. Where prices are used for less than that amount they are marked with an asterisk (\*)

Week Ended February 21

Total Sales 5,081,865 Shares

Yearly Price Range				This Year to Date		STOCKS.	Amount Capital Stock Listed.	Last Dividend		Last Week's Transactions					
1918.	1919.	1920.	High.	Low.	Date.			Date.	Date Paid.	Per Cent.	Per Cent. Paid.	First.	High.	Low.	Last.
High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.										
80	80	84	84			ACME TEA 1st pf.	2,750,000	Dec. 1, '19	1%	Q					
80	42	64	29%	34%	Feb. 21	Adams Express...	12,000,000	Dec. 1, '17	1		28%	34%	28%	34%	+ 6
20%	11	54	21	45%	Jan. 5	Advance Rumely	13,160,400				38%	41%	38%	41%	+ 2%
62%	25%	76	50%	72	Jan. 12	Advance Rumely pf.	11,948,500	Jan. 2, '20	1%	Q	65%	69	65%	69	+ 4
72%	49	113	66	88%	Jan. 5	Ajax Rubber (\$50)	10,000,000	Dec. 15, '19	\$1.50	Q	70%	74%	68%	74%	+ 5%
5%	1%	4%	1%	2	Jan. 5	Alaska Gold M. (\$10)	7,500,000				1%	1%	1%	1%	
3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	Jan. 2	Alaska Jun.G.M. (\$10)	13,967,440				1%	2	1%	2	+ 3%
*185	*180	*185	*156			Albany & Susq.	3,500,000	Jan. 1, '20	4%	SA				*160	
37	17%	51%	30	53%	Jan. 3	Allis-Chalmers Mfg.	24,324,600				38	42%	38	41%	+ 1
80%	72%	97	81%	92	Jan. 3	Allis-Chalmers Mfg. pf.	15,716,700	Jan. 15, '20	33%	Q	84%	84%	84%	84%	+ 2%
106	78	113%	87	95	Jan. 28	Am. Agricult. Chem.	31,978,500	Jan. 15, '20	2	Q	87	89%	85%	89	+ 4
101	89%	103	102	96%	Jan. 16	Am. Agric. Chem. pf.	28,442,200	Jan. 15, '20	1%	Q	92	92	92	92	+ 3
85%	31%	55	33	46%	Jan. 5	Am. Bank Note (\$50)	4,495,700	Feb. 16, '20	75c	Q	40%	40%	40%	40%	+ 1%
42%	41%	51%	42	45%	Jan. 28	Am. Bank N. pf. (\$50)	4,495,650	Jan. 2, '20	75c	Q				45%	
84	48	101%	62	96%	Jan. 8	Am. Beet Sugar Co.	15,000,000	Jan. 31, '20	2	Q	81	84	80	84	+ 3%
91%	82	95	84%	93	Jan. 5	Am. Beet Sug. Co. pf.	5,000,000	Dec. 31, '19	1%	Q				91	
90	90	97	85	128%	Jan. 2	Am. Bosch Mag. (sh.)	74,116	Jan. 1, '20	\$2	Q	109%	116%	106%	116	+ 4
175	160	176	160	175	Feb. 3	Am. Brake Shoe & Fy.	4,000,998	Dec. 31, '19	1%	Q				94	
50%	34%	68%	42%	61%	Jan. 3	Am. B. Shoe & Fy. pf.	5,000,000	Dec. 31, '19	3	Q				175	
99	89%	107%	98	101	Jan. 2	American Can Co.	41,223,300				44%	45%	42	45	+ 1/2
92%	68%	148%	84%	143%	Jan. 3	American Can Co. pf.	41,223,300	Jan. 2, '20	1%	Q	96%	96%	96%	96%	+ 1 1/2
115%	106	119	113	116%	Jan. 5	Am. Car & Foundry	30,000,000	Jan. 1, '20	3	Q	128	134	127%	133%	+ 3%
44%	25	67%	38%	54%	Jan. 3	Am. Car & Found. pf.	30,000,000	Jan. 1, '20	1%	Q	113%	113%	113%	113%	+ 3/4
68	78	93	88	101	Jan. 3	Am. Cotton Oil Co.	20,267,160	Dec. 1, '19	1	Q	45%	45%	43%	43%	+ 2
95%	77%	103	70%	101%	Jan. 10	Am. Cotton Oil Co. pf.	10,198,600	Dec. 1, '19	3	SA				88	
22%	12	43%	13%	30%	Jan. 2	Am. Drug Syn. (\$10)	4,337,000	Sep. 15, '19	40c	SA	12%	13%	12	13%	+ 5/8
94%	50	142%	71%	122	Jan. 3	American Express	18,000,000	Jan. 2, '20	\$1.50	Q	96%	96%	96%	99%	+ 3
49	11%	76%	37%	47	Jan. 5	Am. Hide & Leath. Co.	11,274,100				21%	23%	20%	23%	+ 1%
61	38%	76%	54%	68	Jan. 2	Am. Hide & L. Co. pf.	10,958,700	Jan. 2, '20	1%	Q	108	108	102	107%	+ 1/2
47%	27	89	44%	80%	Feb. 2	American Ice	7,161,400	Jan. 24, '20	1	Q	40	40	39%	40	+ 1/2
92	69%	98%	85	99%	Jan. 27	American Ice pf.	14,920,000	Jan. 24, '20	1%	Q	58	59%	58	58%	+ 1 1/2
71%	53%	117%	85	105%	Jan. 3	Am. International	49,000,000	Dec. 31, '19	1%	Q	92%	95	89%	94	+ 1/2
102%	95	109%	100	106	Jan. 13	Am. Int. Fr. F. En. (\$10)	2,027,000	Feb. 16, '20	25c	Q	13	13	12%	12%	+ 1/2
144	90	135	135	144	Jan. 22	American Linseed Co.	16,750,000	Dec. 15, '19	8	Q	79	82%	77%	81%	+ 2 1/2
94%	73	89%	61%	72	Jan. 3	Am. Linseed Co. pf.	16,750,000	Jan. 2, '20	1%	Q	95	95	95	95	
110%	103	109%	94	100%	Jan. 3	Am. Locomotive Co.	25,000,000	Dec. 31, '19	1%	Q	89%	94%	86	94	+ 3%
96	80	94%	79%	92%	Jan. 3	Am. Locom. Co. pf.	25,000,000	Dec. 31, '19	1%	Q				104	
107	85	140	101%	105%	Jan. 13	Am. Malt & Grain (sh.)	55,000				31	31%	31	31%	+ 3/4
*85	*85	90	80%	44	Jan. 2	Am. Shipbuilding	7,900,000	Feb. 2, '20	14	Q				135	
116	98	148%	111%	118%	Jan. 7	Am. Ship & Com. (sh.)	521,005				20%	22%	19%	21%	+ 1%
114%	108%	119	113%	118%	Jan. 7	Am. Smelt. & Ref. Co.	60,998,000	Dec. 15, '19	1	Q	62%	64%	60%	63%	+ 1
145%	108%	120%	73	100%	Jan. 13	Am. Smelt. & R. Co. pf.	50,000,000	Dec. 1, '19	1%	Q	95	95%	94%	95%	+ 1%
103	81	100	90%	92%	Jan. 5	Amer. Smelters pf. A.	2,442,800	Jan. 2, '20	1%	Q	80	80	80	80	
90	51	63	50	105%	Jan. 5	American Snuff	11,001,000	Jan. 2, '20	2	Q	88%	102	88%	101%	+ 5%
109%	90%	108%	95	100%	Jan. 30	American Snuff pf.	3,652,800	Jan. 2, '20	1%	Q				85	
108%	140%	314%	191%	283	Jan. 5	Am. St. Found. (33 1-3)	17,184,000	Jan. 15, '20	75c	Q	43	42%	40%	42%	+ 1/2
100%	92%	106	93%	97%	Jan. 7	Am. Sugar Found. pf.	8,481,300	Dec. 31, '19	1%	Q	91%	92	91%	92	+ 1
60%	44%	109%	65%	74%	Jan. 2	Am. Sugar Ref. Co.	45,000,000	Jan. 2, '20	12%	Q	126%	129	124%	127	
97	92	110%	94%	105%	Jan. 29	Am. Sugar Ref. Co. pf.	45,000,000	Jan. 2, '20	1%	Q	117	117	117	117	
30%	20%	68%	24%	61%	Jan. 3	Am. Sumatra Tobacco	13,581,000	Feb. 2, '20	2%	Q	83%	85%	82%	85	+ 1%
21%	11	29	11	21%	Jan. 10	Am. Sum. Tobacco pf.	1,908,500	Sep. 1, '19	3%	SA	84	84	84	84	+ 5
53%	38%	65	40	59%	Jan. 9	Am. Tel. & Cable	14,000,000	Dec. 1, '19	1%	Q				52	
74%	59	77%	54%	65%	Jan. 5	Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.	441,982,300	Jan. 15, '20	2	Q	97	98	96%	97%	+ 3/4
21%	1	9%	1	6%	Jan. 3	Am. Tobacco Co.	15,130,200	Dec. 1, '19	5	Q				225	
18%	12	65%	17%	67%	Jan. 3	Am. Tob. Co. pf. new	51,975,700	Jan. 2, '20	1%	Q	95	95%	93%	95%	+ 1/2
63	51	82	63	75%	Jan. 7	A. T. Securities (sh.)	1,004,488				58	61%	56%	59%	+ 3/4
36%	30%	80%	58%	125	Jan. 8	American Woolen Co.	20,000,000	Jan. 16, '20	1%	Q	127	123%	119%	132	+ 3 1/2
71	54	142	68	105%	Jan. 29	Amer. Woolen Co. pf.	40,000,000	Jan. 16, '20	1%	Q	102%	103	102%	103	+ 3/4
99%	81	104	80%	92%	Jan. 3	Am. Writing Paper Co.	12,500,000	Apr. 1, '13	1		47%	47%	45%	46%	+ 1/2
92%	80	89	76%	82	Jan. 3	Am. Zinc, L. & S. (\$25)	4,828,000	May 1, '17	\$1.00		16	19%	16	18%	+ 3/4
10%	5	15	6	9	Feb. 19	Am. Z. L. & S. pf. (\$25)	2,414,000	Feb. 2, '20	\$1.50	Q	50	54	50	53	+ 1
108	89%	107	87%	93	Jan. 7	Ann Arbor	3,250,000				11	16%	11	16	+ 5
120%	97%	192%	92	176%	Jan. 5	Ann Arbor pf.	4,000,000				25	26%	25	26%	+ 3 1/2
67%	58	76%	64	75	Jan. 7	Anacon. C.M.Co. (\$50)	116,562,500	Feb. 24, '20	81	Q	57	59%	55%	59	+ 2
101%	56%	150%	64%	123%	Jan. 10	Assets Realiza. (\$10)	999,100	Oct. 1, '13	1		3%	3%	3%	3%	+ 1/2
104	93	111%	100	102%	Jan. 5	Associated Dry Goods	14,937,500				51%	51%	49	51	+ 1 1/2
62	48%	55%	28%	35%	Feb. 21	As. Dry Goods 1st pf.	13,732,800	Dec. 1, '19	1%	Q				69%	
64%	53	59%	38%	48%	Jan. 10	As. Dry Goods 2d pf.	6,094,400	Dec. 1, '19	1%	Q	72	72	72	727	



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High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.			Date Paid.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	First.	High.	Low.	Last. Change.	Sales.		
174 1/4	135	170 1/2	126 1/2	134	Jan. 3	115 1/4	Feb. 11	Canadian Pacific.....	259,994,600	Oct. 1, '19	2 1/2	Q	119 1/2	126	117 1/4	125 + 5	19,460
46	46	48	42	43 1/2	Jan. 7	43 1/2	Jan. 7	Canada Southern.....	15,000,000	Feb. 2, '20	1 1/2	SA	..	..	43 1/2	..	..
92	73	101	91 1/2	100	Jan. 3	97	Feb. 11	Case (J.I.) Th. M. 7 1/2 pf.	13,000,000	Jan. 1, '20	1 1/2	Q	97	97	97	..	160
41 1/4	18	45	20 1/2	..	..	..	..	Central Foundry.....	955,400	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	..
53	33	74 1/4	27	50	Jan. 26	37 1/2	Jan. 2	Central Foundry pf.	1,218,900	Oct. 15, '19	1 1/4	Q	..	..	45	..	..
73 1/2	54 1/4	116 1/2	50 1/2	104 1/4	Jan. 5	72	Feb. 13	Central Leather.....	39,689,100	Feb. 2, '20	1 1/2	Q	78 1/2	81 1/2	70 1/2	81 + 3	24,800
108	101 1/4	114	104 1/2	108 1/2	Jan. 5	104 1/2	Feb. 14	Central Leather pf.	33,297,500	Jan. 2, '20	1 1/2	Q	104 1/2	105	104 1/2	104 1/2 + 1/2	400
220	202	213	170	175	Jan. 28	175	Jan. 28	Central of New Jersey.	27,436,800	Feb. 2, '20	2	Q	..	..	175	..	..
108	104	120	107	120	Jan. 3	109	Feb. 13	Central So. Am. Tel.	14,000,000	Jan. 14, '20	1 1/2	Q	114	114	114	..	30
39	29 1/4	67 1/2	31	61 1/2	Jan. 3	45 1/4	Feb. 13	Cerro de Pasco Cop. (sh.)	898,225	Dec. 1, '19	\$1	Q	49 1/2	50 1/2	48	50 1/2 + 1 1/2	9,300
40 1/4	30	65 1/2	30 1/4	62	Jan. 7	47	Feb. 6	Certain-Teed Pr. (sh.)	70,000	Jan. 28, '18	\$4	..	50 1/2	50 1/2	49 1/2	50 - 1 1/2	500
87	84 1/4	90 1/2	85	..	..	..	..	Certain-Teed P. 1st pf.	3,225,000	Jan. 1, '20	1 1/2	Q	..	..	85	..	..
..	..	141 1/4	90	144 1/4	Jan. 30	118 1/2	Feb. 13	Chand. Mot. (new sh.)	210,000	Jan. 2, '20	\$2	Q	127	131 1/2	124 1/2	127 1/2 - 3 1/2	24,700
62 1/2	49 1/4	68 1/2	51 1/2	56 1/2	Jan. 5	47	Feb. 13	Chesapeake & Ohio.....	62,793,700	Dec. 31, '19	2	SA	50	58 1/2	48	57 1/2 + 1 1/2	21,700
11	1	12 1/2	7	10 1/2	Feb. 21	6	Feb. 16	Chicago & Alton.....	19,538,300	..	..	..	6	10 1/2	6	10 1/2 + 2 1/2	1,400
18	10 1/4	17 1/2	11	15	Feb. 19	12 1/2	Feb. 21	Chicago & Alton pf.	19,492,900	Jan. 16, '11	2	..	15	15	12 1/2	12 1/2 + 1 1/2	200
..	..	13 1/2	3	7 1/2	Feb. 21	4	Feb. 17	Chi. & E. Ill. Eq. tr. rcts.	6,577,800	..	..	..	4	7 1/2	4	7 1/2 + 2 1/2	1,900
..	..	17 1/4	4	9	Feb. 20	4 1/2	Jan. 10	C. & E. Ill. pf. Eq. tr. rcts.	2,486,000	..	..	..	5 1/2	9	5 1/2	8 1/2 + 3 1/2	2,400
11	6	12	7 1/4	10 1/2	Feb. 20	7	Feb. 13	Chi. Great Western.....	38,538,200	Feb. 15, '10	2	..	8	10 1/2	8	10 1/2 + 3 1/2	13,400
32	18 1/4	30 1/2	21	26 1/2	Feb. 20	21	Feb. 13	Chi. Great West. pf.	37,977,100	July 15, '19	1	..	22	26 1/2	22	26 + 4	7,700
64 1/2	37 1/4	52 1/2	34 1/2	39 1/2	Feb. 19	30 1/2	Feb. 6	Chi., Mil. & St. Paul.....	117,411,300	Sep. 1, '17	2 1/2	SA	32 1/2	39 1/2	31 1/2	38 1/2 + 4 1/2	37,950
86 1/2	60 1/4	76	48 1/2	56 1/2	Feb. 20	45 1/2	Feb. 13	Chi., Mil. & St. P. pf.	116,274,900	Sep. 1, '17	3 1/2	SA	48	56 1/2	48	55 1/2 + 4 1/2	28,800
107	89 1/4	105	85	87 1/2	Feb. 20	75	Feb. 13	Chi. & Northwestern.....	145,165,810	Jan. 2, '20	1 1/2	Q	79	87 1/2	78 1/2	87 1/2 + 9 1/2	7,800
137	125	133	116	129 1/2	Jan. 13	113	Feb. 11	Chi. & Northwest. pf.	22,395,100	Jan. 2, '20	2	Q	116	117	116	117 + 1	800
70 1/4	68	113 1/2	68	106 1/2	Jan. 3	8	Feb. 17	Chi. Pneumatic Tool.....	7,298,700	Jan. 26, '20	2	Q	83	83	82	82 - 2	200
82 1/4	18 1/2	32 1/2	22 1/2	35 1/2	Feb. 21	23 1/2	Feb. 13	C. R. L. & P. tem. cfs.	73,766,000	..	..	..	25 1/2	35 1/2	25 1/2	35 + 8 1/2	131,200
68	50 1/4	84	68 1/4	78	Feb. 21	64 1/2	Feb. 13	C. R. L. & P. 7 1/2 pf. cfs.	29,410,100	Dec. 31, '19	3 1/2	SA	67	78	67	78 + 10 1/2	7,800
75	46	73	55 1/2	66 1/2	Feb. 21	54	Feb. 11	C. R. L. & P. 6 1/2 pf. cfs.	24,958,000	Dec. 31, '19	3	SA	57 1/2	66 1/2	57 1/2	66 + 8 1/2	5,600
82	69	82	57	63	Feb. 20	58 1/2	Jan. 2	C. St. P., Minn. & O.	18,556,700	Feb. 20, '20	2 1/2	SA	60	63	60	63 + 3 1/2	200
110	110	107	88	91	Feb. 20	90	Jan. 14	C. St. P., M. & O. pf.	11,259,300	Feb. 20, '20	3 1/2	SA	91	91	91	..	100
24	14 1/4	29 1/2	16 1/2	21 1/2	Jan. 3	15 1/2	Feb. 11	Chile Copper (\$25).....	95,000,000	..	..	..	17	18 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2 + 1 1/2	7,800
47 1/4	31 1/2	50 1/2	32 1/2	41 1/2	Jan. 3	33 1/2	Feb. 11	Chino Copper (\$5).....	4,349,900	Dec. 31, '19	7 1/2	Q	35 1/2	37 1/2	35	37 1/2 + 2 1/2	4,500
40	26	54 1/2	32	46	Feb. 19	42	Feb. 6	Cleve., C. C. & St. L.	47,056,300	Sep. 1, '10	2	..	43 1/2	46	42 1/2	46 + 4	600
70	58 1/4	74	63	65	Jan. 12	63	Feb. 10	C. C. C. & St. L. pf.	9,988,900	Jan. 20, '20	1 1/2	Q	..	..	63	..	..
..	..	89 1/4	67	94 1/2	Jan. 3	94 1/2	Jan. 3	Cleve. & Pitts. (\$50).....	11,387,750	Dec. 1, '19	1 1/2	Q	..	..	94 1/2	..	..
65	43 1/4	108	60 1/2	106	Jan. 2	87	Feb. 11	Cluett, Peabody & Co.	18,000,000	Feb. 2, '20	2	Q	88	88	88	88 + 1	200
105	95	110	103 1/2	104	Jan. 8	101	Feb. 4	Cluett, Pea. & Co. pf.	8,000,000	Jan. 1, '20	1 1/2	Q	102	102	103	102 + 1	100
..	..	43 1/2	37 1/2	40 1/2	Jan. 2	33 1/2	Jan. 19	Coca-Cola.....	383,886	..	..	..	37 1/2	39 1/2	36 1/2	38 1/2 + 1	8,200
54 1/4	34 1/4	56	34 1/4	44 1/4	Jan. 3	36 1/2	Feb. 11	Colorado Fuel & Iron.	34,235,500	Feb. 20, '20	3	Q	38	39	38	39 + 1	2,200
101	101	120	101 1/2	..	..	..	..	Col. Fuel & Iron pf.	2,000,000	Feb. 20, '20	2	Q	..	..	120	..	..
27 1/4	18	31 1/4	19	27	Feb. 19	20	Feb. 11	Colorado & Southern.....	31,440,000	Dec. 31, '12	1	..	22	27	22	25 1/2 + 3 1/2	8,300
55	47	58 1/2	48	50 1/2	Feb. 10	47 1/2	Feb. 16	Col. & South. 1st pf.	8,500,000	Dec. 15, '19	2	SA	47 1/2	50	47 1/2	..	400
48	40	51 1/2	45	43	Jan. 16	40	Jan. 8	Col. & South. 2d pf.	8,500,000	Dec. 15, '19	4	A	..	..	43	..	..
44 1/4	28 1/2	60	39 1/2	67	Jan. 9	53	Feb. 13	Columbia Gas & Elec.	50,000,000	Feb. 15, '20	1 1/2	Q	50 1/2	57 1/2	50	57 1/2 + 1 1/2	1,800
..	..	75 1/2	50 1/2	65 1/2	Jan. 5	36 1/2	Feb. 5	Columbia Graph. (sh.)	881,477	Jan. 2, '20	125c	Q	41 1/2	43 1/2	39	43 + 3 1/2	22,900
..	..	95 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2	Jan. 14	89	Feb. 16	Columbia Graph. pf.	10,581,500	Jan. 2, '20	1 1/2	Q	89	89	89	89 - 2	100
39	30	63 1/2	37 1/2	56	Jan. 6	46	Feb. 11	Comp. Tab. - Itec.....	16,482,700	Jan. 10, '20	1	Q	47	47	46 1/2	47 + 1	300
..	..	75	34	63 1/2	Jan. 31	55 1/2	Feb. 10	Consol. Cigar. (shares)	90,000	..	..	..	57	57	55 1/2	55 1/2 - 1	700
..	..	80 1/2	78	82 1/2	Feb. 3	79 1/2	Feb. 13	Consol. Cigar pf.	4,000,000	Dec. 1, '19	1 1/2	Q	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	..	50
106 1/4	82 1/2	106 1/2	78 1/2	87 1/2	Jan. 2	75	Feb. 11	Consolidated Gas.....	100,384,500	Dec. 15, '19	1 1/2	Q	77 1/2	80	77 1/2	80 + 2	500
98	95	111 1/2															



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1918.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	Date.			Date.	Date Paid.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	First.	High.	Low.	Last.	Change.	Sales.	
10	8	12%	7	8	Jan. 31	7	Jan. 24	Gulf. Mobile & North.	9,087,300	.....	7%	7%	7%	7%	.....	100		
35%	27	40%	30	30%	Feb. 19	28	Jan. 24	Gulf. Mobile & N. pf.	9,431,100	.....	30%	30%	30%	30%	+ 1/4	100		
111%	58%	80%	40%	84%	Jan. 8	58%	Feb. 13	Gulf States Steel.	11,199,400	Apr. 1, '19	2 1/2	Q	63%	65	- 1/4	2,000		
102	93%	95%	92%	92%	Feb. 9	92%	Feb. 9	Gulf States S. 1st pf.	2,000,000	Jan. 2, '20	1%	Q	.....	92%	.....	.....		
55	37	100%	54%	108	Jan. 19	86	Feb. 16	HARTMANN CORP.	12,000,000	Dec. 1, '19	1 1/4	Q	86	88	86 1/2	- 1/4	4,000	
40%	34	71%	40	62%	Jan. 5	50	Feb. 13	Haskell & Ry. (sh.)	200,190	Jan. 2, '20	\$1	Q	54	58 1/2	52 1/2	+ 4%	.....	
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Havana & Ry. (sh.)	15,000,000	Nov. 15, '19	3	SA	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
*100%	*100	107	107	.....	.....	.....	.....	Helme (G. W.) pf.	3,364,300	Jan. 2, '20	1%	Q	.....	.....	107	.....	.....	
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hendee Manufacturing.	10,000,000	.....	.....	38	38	36	+ 1	600		
95	68	100	60	71	Jan. 12	60	Jan. 26	Homestake Mining.	25,116,000	Jan. 25, '20	50c	M	61 1/2	61 1/2	61	.....	200	
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hupp M. Car. (\$10)	5,192,100	Feb. 1, '20	2%	SA	14	14%	13%	14 1/2	+ 1/4	5,200
105%	92	104	85%	90	Jan. 6	80%	Feb. 13	ILLINOIS CENT.	100,296,000	Dec. 1, '19	1%	Q	84	88	84	86	+ 2	1,400
58%	41%	68%	42%	61%	Jan. 3	50%	Feb. 13	Inspir. Con. Cop. (\$20)	23,639,342	Jan. 26, '20	\$1.50	Q	54%	55%	52%	55%	+ 2 1/2	11,500
9%	4%	9%	3%	4%	Jan. 7	3%	Feb. 13	Interbor. Consol. (sh.)	700,979	.....	.....	3%	4%	3%	4%	+ 1/4	8,400	
47%	17%	31%	10%	13%	Jan. 21	9%	Feb. 13	Int. Con. Corp. pf.	45,435,000	Apr. 1, '18	1 1/2	.....	10	13	9%	13	+ 3 1/2	5,300
19	10	37%	10%	22%	Jan. 3	13%	Feb. 13	Internat. Agricultural	5,982,900	.....	.....	16	19%	16	18%	+ 2 1/2	1,800	
65	38	91%	48	83	Jan. 3	60	Feb. 13	Internat. Agricult. pf.	10,574,200	Jan. 15, '20	1%	Q	71	73	71	73	+ 3	400
121	104	149%	110%	135	Jan. 5	112%	Feb. 17	Int. Harvester (new)	80,000,000	Jan. 15, '20	1%	Q	117%	118	112%	117%	- 1/4	2,300
116	107	120	111	115	Jan. 24	111%	Feb. 13	Int. Harv. pf. (new)	60,000,000	Dec. 1, '19	1%	Q	112%	112%	112%	112%	+ 1	100
33	21	67%	21%	51%	Jan. 5	27%	Feb. 11	Int. Merc. Marine.	39,472,100	.....	.....	38%	32%	29%	31%	.....	37,100	
125%	83%	128%	92%	111%	Jan. 5	70%	Feb. 13	Int. Merc. Marine pf.	48,867,300	Feb. 2, '20	1/8	SA	82 1/2	85%	79%	84%	+ 1/4	5,800
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Int. Motor Truck.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Int. Motor Tr. 1st pf.	4,156,600	.....	.....	75	75	75	75	.....	100	
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Int. Motor Tr. 2d pf.	.....	.....	.....	60	60	60	60	- 6	300	
35	27	33%	20%	26%	Jan. 7	19%	Feb. 13	Int. Nickel (\$25)	41,480,350	Mar. 1, '19	50c	.....	21%	21%	20%	21%	+ 1/4	17,300
98	88 1/2	97%	90	88	Feb. 5	87	Feb. 10	Int. Nickel pf.	8,507,100	Feb. 2, '20	1%	Q	.....	.....	.....	87	.....	.....
45%	24%	82	30%	80%	Jan. 3	72%	Feb. 11	Internat. Paper Co.	19,960,000	.....	.....	75%	79%	74%	78%	+ 1%	18,800	
99	90	165%	95	110	Jan. 3	108	Jan. 2	Internat. Paper pf.	2,054,500	Jan. 15, '20	1 1/2	Q	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....
65%	58	80	62	79%	Jan. 5	70	Feb. 16	Int. Paper pf. stamped.	22,948,000	Jan. 15, '20	1 1/2	Q	70	74%	70	74%	+ 1/4	300
61%	53	70	53	71	Jan. 5	70	Jan. 6	International Salt.	6,077,100	Jan. 1, '20	1 1/2	Q	70	70	70	70	.....	100
5%	2%	9%	2%	6	Feb. 18	5	Feb. 17	Iowa Central.	1,418,400	.....	.....	5	6	5	6	+ 1/4	200	
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Iron Products (sh.)	98,832	.....	.....	42	44%	42	44%	+ 1	1,400	
67	60	44%	44%	.....	.....	.....	.....	Ist'd Creek C. (sh.)	119,063	Jan. 2, '20	\$1	Q	.....	.....	.....	44%	.....	.....
40%	27	48	15	21%	Jan. 9	14	Feb. 11	JEWEL TEA	12,000,000	.....	.....	16	17	16	17	+ 1	300	
97%	88	91	38%	44%	Jan. 10	39%	Feb. 11	Jewel Tea pf.	3,640,000	Oct. 1, '19	1%	.....	46%	41	40%	41	+ 1/4	200
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Jones Bros. Tea.	10,000,000	Jan. 17, '20	50c	Q	26%	26%	26	26	+ 2 1/2	200
65	59	52	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	KAN. C. FT. S. & M. pf.	6,252,700	Jan. 2, '20	1	Q	.....	.....	.....	52	.....	.....
24%	15%	25%	13	19	Feb. 20	13%	Feb. 13	Kan. City South.	30,000,000	.....	.....	15%	19	15	18%	+ 4%	11,600	
59%	45	57	40	48	Feb. 20	44	Feb. 17	Kan. City South. pf.	21,000,000	Jan. 15, '20	1	Q	44	48	44	48	+ 3 1/2	1,800
105	96	130	105	118	Jan. 6	106	Feb. 18	Kayser (Julius) & Co.	6,570,000	Jan. 2, '20	2	Q	106	106	106	106	- 4%	100
105%	103%	118	117	106	Feb. 9	106	Feb. 9	Kayser & Co. 1st pf.	1,951,000	Feb. 2, '20	1%	Q	.....	.....	.....	106	.....	.....
72	41	164	68	152%	Jan. 5	108	Feb. 13	Kelly-Spr. Tire (\$25)	5,355,625	Feb. 2, '20	\$1.75	Q	118	121	113	120	- 1	4,800
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Kelly-Spr. Tire 1/2 pf.	5,860,000	Feb. 16, '20	2	Q	98	100	98	100	+ 3	400
90%	76%	102%	90%	.....	.....	.....	.....	Kelly-Spr. Tire 3/4 pf.	3,817,100	Jan. 2, '20	1 1/2	Q	.....	.....	.....	95 1/2	.....	.....
35	24%	115	34	90	Jan. 5	67	Feb. 13	Kelsey Wheel	8,704,900	.....	.....	67	68	67	68	+ 1	200	
90	81	100%	80	98%	Jan. 2	96	Feb. 14	Kelsey Wheel pf.	2,136,500	Feb. 1, '20	1%	Q	.....	.....	.....	96	.....	.....
41%	20	43	27%	33%	Jan. 5	27%	Feb. 13	Kennecott Cop. (sh.)	2,784,953	Dec. 31, '19	150c	Q	29%	30%	28%	30	+ 1/4	9,900
4%	3	7%	2%	4%	Feb. 2	4%	Feb. 2	Keokuk & Des Moines	2,000,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4%	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Keokuk & Des M. pf.	1,524,000	Aug. 4, '19	3%	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....
105	83	170	106%	155	Jan. 31	145	Jan. 12	Keat. Tire & R. (\$10)	3,087,560	Jan. 2, '20	30c	Q	31%	31%	29%	30%	- 1/4	15,300
106	104%	109%	106	.....	.....	.....	.....	Kresge (S. S.) Co.	10,000,000	Dec. 31, '19	13 1/2	SA	.....	.....	.....	155	.....	.....
67%	50	80%	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	Kresge (S. S.) Co. pf.	2,000,000	Dec. 31, '19	1%	Q	.....	.....	.....	108	.....	.....
103%	100	110	105	100%	Jan. 17	100%	Jan. 17	Kress (S. H.) Co.	12,000,000	Feb. 1, '20	1	Q	.....	.....	.....	77	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Kress (S. H.) Co. pf.	3,553,200	Jan. 1, '20	1%	Q	.....	.....	.....	104%	.....	.....
91%	65%	107%	62%	91%	Jan. 5	68	Feb. 13	LACK STEEL CO.	35,108,500	Dec. 31, '19	1 1/2	Q	74%	76	72	74%	+ 1%	15,200
90	82	83	33	40	Jan. 20	38	Jan. 8	Laclede Gas Co.	10,700,000	Mar. 15, '19	1%	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....
11%	7%	14	7	11%	Feb. 21	8%	Feb. 13	Lake Erie & Western	11,840,000	.....	.....	9%	11%	9%	11%	+ 3%	1,400	
25	18	25	13	22	Feb. 21	16	Feb. 11	Lake Erie & West. pf.	11,840,000	Jan.								



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1918.				1919.				This Year to Date.				STOCKS.	Amount Capital	Last Dividend	Last Week's Transactions				
High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	Date.	Per Cent.	First.	High.				Low.	Last.	Change.	Sales.	
67½	55	92	70	80	Jan. 3	63½	Feb. 17	Nat. Cloak & Suit	12,000,000	Jan. 15, '20	1½	Q	67½	67½	63½	65	—	4	600
104	100	108½	102½	102½	Jan. 13	94½	Feb. 19	Nat. Cloak & Suit pf.	4,180,000	Dec. 1, '19	1½	Q	94½	94½	94½	94½	—	2½	200
21½	13	24½	8½	11½	Jan. 6	8	Feb. 6	Nat. Con. & Cablest.	250,000	Oct. 15, '17	\$1	..	9	10	8½	10	+	1	2,900
54½	37½	88½	45½	89½	Jan. 2	70	Feb. 10	Nat. Enam. & St. Co.	15,391,000	Nov. 29, '19	1½	Q	71	70½	72	75½	+	½	4,400
90½	88	104	93	102½	Jan. 7	99½	Feb. 11	Nat. En. & St. Co. pf.	10,000,000	Dec. 31, '19	1½	Q	..	..	..	99½	..	..	..
69½	43½	94½	64	86½	Jan. 27	73½	Feb. 13	National Lead Co.	29,655,500	Dec. 31, '19	1½	Q	70½	81	75½	80	+	4½	5,400
105½	99½	112	102	110	Jan. 3	106½	Feb. 19	National Lead Co. pf.	24,367,000	Dec. 15, '19	1½	Q	107	107½	106½	106½	—	1½	300
10%	4%	14	4½	6%	Jan. 8	4½	Feb. 13	Nat. R. of Mex. 1st pf.	28,821,000	Feb. 10, '13	2	..	..	..	..	12½	..	..	..
21½	16½	21½	13½	17½	Jan. 5	14½	Feb. 11	Nevada Con. Cop. (\$5)	9,997,285	Dec. 31, '19	37½c	Q	15½	15½	14½	15½	+	¾	3,000
36½	17	50	28½	47½	Feb. 20	39½	Feb. 11	New Or. Tex. & Mex.	12,235,900	..	..	..	40	47½	40	46½	+	6½	3,100
80	98½	145½	91½	117	Jan. 3	92	Feb. 13	New York Air Brake	10,000,000	Dec. 19, '19	2½	Q	101	103½	99	103	+	2	1,200
84½	67½	83½	60½	73½	Feb. 19	64½	Feb. 13	N. Y. C. & Hud. Riv.	247,870,200	Feb. 2, '20	1½	Q	67	73½	67	72½	+	4½	30,800
84	13%	33½	23%	30½	Feb. 19	23½	Feb. 13	N. Y. C. & St. L.	14,000,000	Mar. 1, '13	4	..	25	30½	25	30	+	6½	2,300
65	55	70	58	59½	Feb. 18	55	Feb. 9	N.Y.C. & St. L. 1st pf.	5,000,000	Jan. 23, '20	5	..	50	50½	50	50½	+	4½	200
48	40	53½	40	43	Feb. 16	43	Feb. 16	N. Y. C. & St. L. 2d pf.	11,000,000	July 22, '19	2½	..	43	43	43	43	—	2	100
27	18½	70	19½	48½	Jan. 3	30	Feb. 10	New York Dock	7,000,000	Feb. 16, '20	2½	A	32	36	32	35	+	2	1,400
48½	42	75	44½	61	Jan. 3	45	Feb. 11	New York Dock pf.	10,000,000	Jan. 15, '20	2½	SA	49	49	48	48	+	3	300
*93½	*93½	92½	92½	..	..	..	..	N. Y. Lack. & West.	10,000,000	Jan. 2, '20	1½	Q	..	..	..	92½	..	..	..
45½	27	40½	25½	35	Feb. 21	23½	Feb. 11	N. Y. N. H. & Hart.	157,117,900	Sep. 30, '13	1½	..	25½	35	25½	35	+	9	103,300
24½	18½	21½	16½	20	Feb. 19	16	Feb. 6	N. Y. Ont. & West.	58,113,900	Jan. 14, '18	2	..	16	20½	16	20½	+	4½	4,700
21½	14	20	9	14½	Feb. 20	10	Feb. 9	Norfolk & Western	11,515,400	Jan. 15, '20	1½	Q	..	..	..	104½	..	..	..
112½	102	112½	95	99	Jan. 2	88	Feb. 13	Norfolk & Western	121,792,000	Dec. 19, '19	1½	Q	91	98½	91	96	+	5½	1,000
79	69	76	69½	72	Jan. 13	66½	Jan. 6	Norfolk & West. pf.	23,000,000	Feb. 19, '20	1	Q	70	70	70	70	+	½	100
57½	39	67	47	58	Jan. 28	50	Feb. 4	North American	29,779,700	Jan. 2, '20	1½	Q	52½	52½	51½	51½	—	¾	300
105	81½	99½	77	81½	Jan. 5	68½	Feb. 11	Northern Pacific	247,998,400	Feb. 1, '20	1½	Q	73	79	71½	78½	+	5½	25,500
70	52½	97	46	77½	Jan. 5	50%	Feb. 11	Nova Scotia St. & Coal	15,000,000	Jan. 15, '19	1½	Q	56½	58½	54½	58½	+	¾	2,800
48	35½	61½	35½	50%	Jan. 3	38%	Feb. 13	OHIO CIT. GAS (\$25)	45,937,500	Dec. 1, '19	\$1	Q	43	43½	41½	43½	—	¾	12,000
46½	40	55	43	51½	Jan. 2	44	Feb. 13	Ohio Fuel S. (\$25)	19,813,000	Jan. 15, '20	\$1.12½	Q	..	..	..	44	..	..	..
13	4½	11½	5½	9½	Jan. 15	6½	Feb. 13	Ontario Silver Mining	15,000,000	Jan. 4, '19	70c	Q	7	8	0%	8	+	1	1,800
..	..	13½	8	10%	Jan. 5	7½	Feb. 4	Okla. Prod. & Ref. (\$5)	12,000,000	Jan. 6, '19	12½c	Q	8%	8%	7%	8	—	¾	5,200
..	..	..	..	5½	Feb. 20	4%	Feb. 19	Okla. P. & R. (new) (\$5)	15,000,000	..	..	..	5½	5½	4%	5½	..	..	..
..	..	149	128	142	Jan. 2	120	Feb. 13	Otis Elevator	8,000,000	Jan. 15, '20	1½	Q	125	134	125	133½	+	13½	900
..	..	96	96	..	..	..	..	Otis Elevator pf.	6,500,000	Jan. 15, '20	1½	Q	..	..	..	96	..	..	..
..	..	39½	34½	41%	Jan. 5	28½	Feb. 13	Otis Steel	411,698	..	..	..	30½	32	29%	32	+	1½	5,700
70½	44	74	46	65	Jan. 2	51	Feb. 13	Owens Bottle (\$25)	10,931,900	Jan. 1, '20	75c	Q	52½	58½	52½	58½	+	6½	2,100
100	107	104	100	100	Jan. 6	100	Jan. 6	Owens Bottle pf.	9,587,000	Jan. 1, '20	1½	Q	..	..	..	100	..	..	..
45½	40	47	40	..	..	..	..	PABST BREW. pf.	2,000,000	Dec. 15, '19	1½	Q	..	..	..	100	..	..	..
..	..	55	49½	..	..	..	..	Pacific Coast	7,000,000	Nov. 1, '19	1	..	..	..	..	40	..	..	..
..	..	80	70%	78	Jan. 2	70	Feb. 13	Pac. Developm't (\$50)	8,124,000	Feb. 16, '20	2	Q	70	70	70	70	—	1	100
..	..	75½	58½	61½	Jan. 5	50%	Feb. 10	Pac. Gas & Electric	34,044,100	..	..	..	51	51	50	50	—	1	400
40	23½	42½	20½	38%	Jan. 9	35%	Feb. 6	Pacific Mail (\$5)	1,500,000	Dec. 15, '19	\$1.50	SA	..	..	..	37½	..	..	..
27	18½	41	22	42½	Jan. 23	37	Jan. 13	Pac. Telephone & Tel.	18,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	37½	..	..	..
72½	63½	140½	67	108½	Jan. 2	71½	Feb. 13	Pac. Tel. & Tel. pf.	32,000,000	Jan. 15, '20	1½	Q	..	..	..	90	..	..	..
..	..	104½	92½	113½	Jan. 3	67½	Feb. 13	Pan-Am. P. & Tr. (\$50)	41,987,550	Jan. 10, '20	1½	Q	78½	80½	74½	87½	+	8%	99,300
..	..	47½	42	17½	Jan. 6	37	Feb. 18	Pan. Class B. (\$50)	8,132,000	Jan. 10, '20	\$1.50	Q	72½	84½	71½	81	+	8%	10,400
..	..	..	..	94	Jan. 26	93	Jan. 26	Parish & Bing. (sh.)	150,000	Jan. 20, '20	\$1	Q	37½	41	37	41	+	3	1,100
50½	43½	48½	39½	43	Feb. 21	40	Feb. 11	Penney (J. C.) pf.	3,000,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	93	..	..	..
..	..	58	27½	35%	Jan. 5	26	Feb. 13	Penn. R. R. (\$50)	493,296,400	Nov. 29, '19	75c	Q	41	43	40½	43	+	2½	24,300
..	..	57	32	12	Feb. 9	33	Feb. 6	Penn. Seab. Steel (sh.)	64,638	..	..	..	23½	25½	22½	25	+	3	2,800
6%	1½	20	4%	14	Feb. 3	11	Feb. 11	People's Gas, Chicago	38,495,500	Aug. 25, '17	1	..	39	39½	37	37	—	2	1,200
18½	7½	33½	12½	32	Feb. 21	23½	Feb. 13	Peoria & Eastern	10,000,000	..	..	..	12½	13½	12½	13½	+	2	300
64	52½	70	56	60%	Jan. 16	62	Feb. 10	Pere Marquette	45,446,000	..	..	..	27	32	26½	31½	+	3½	124,300
50	30	52½	39	51	Jan. 5	48	Feb. 14	Pere Marquette pr. pf.	12,429,000	Feb. 2, '20	1½	Q	62	65	62	62½	+	½	1,700
57	29½	61½	39	35															

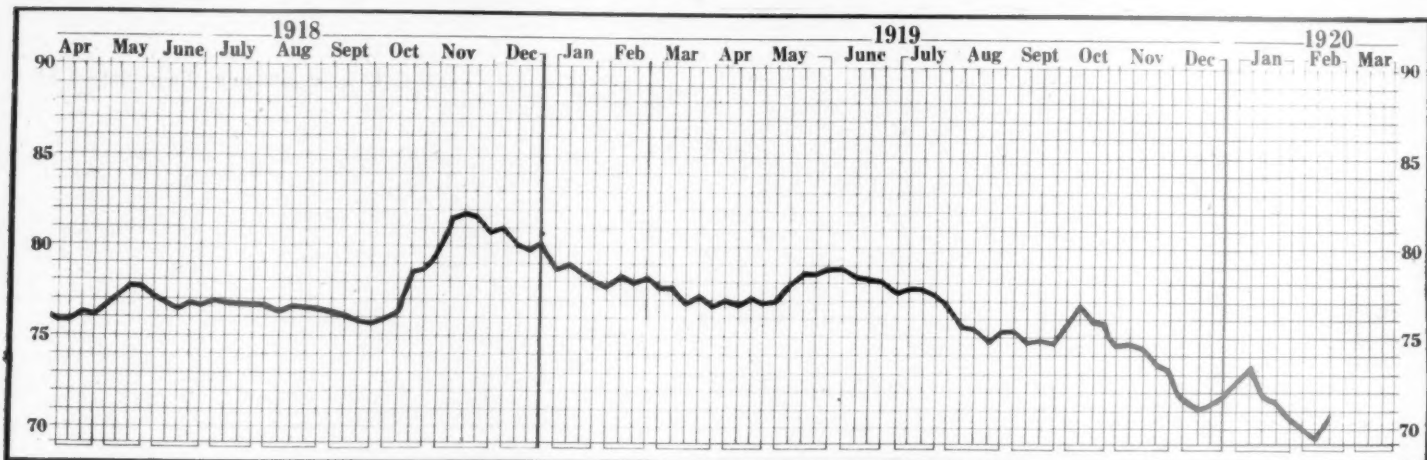


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Yearly Price Range				This Year to Date		STOCKS.	Amount		Last Dividend		Last Week's Transactions								
1918.		1919.		Date.			Capital	Stock Listed.	Date	Per Cent.	First.	High.	Low.	Last.	Change.	Sales.			
High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.														
..	..	..	..	43 1/2	Jan. 23	39	Feb. 6	Stewart War. Sp. (sh.)	400,000	Feb. 14, '20	\$1	..	40	42 1/2	39 1/2	42 1/2	+ 3 1/2	1,000	
..	..	100 1/2	35 1/2	80 1/2	Jan. 2	50	Feb. 13	Stromberg Carb. (sh.)	74,926	Jan. 2, '20	\$1	Q	59 1/2	63 1/2	57 1/2	62 1/2	+ 1 1/2	11,100	
72 1/2	33 1/2	151	45 1/2	115 1/2	Jan. 5	81 1/2	Feb. 13	Studebaker Co. ....	45,000,000	Dec. 1, '19	1 1/4	Q	87	90 1/2	84 1/2	88 1/2	+ 1 1/2	142,200	
100	80 1/2	104 1/2	92	91 1/2	Jan. 31	100	Jan. 3	Studebaker Co. pf. ....	16,260,000	Dec. 1, '19	1 1/4	Q	100	100	100	100	..	100	
55	37	144 1/2	42 1/2	100 1/2	Jan. 6	100 1/2	Feb. 13	Stutz Motor. .... (sh.)	90,915	Jan. 2, '20	\$1.25	Q	113	123	110	120	..	3,200	
45 1/2	34 1/2	54 1/2	52	50 1/2	Jan. 3	41	Feb. 13	Superior Steel ....	6,000,000	Feb. 2, '20	1 1/4	Q	41	44	43 1/2	43 1/2	..	300	
100	95	105	95 1/2	102	Jan. 2	162	Jan. 12	Superior Steel 1st pf.	2,560,000	Feb. 16, '20	2	Q	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	..	50	
21	12 1/2	17 1/2	9 1/2	12 1/2	Jan. 24	9 1/2	Feb. 13	TENN. C. & C. t. cfs.	703,085	May 13, '18	\$1	..	10 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2	..	4,300	
203	136 1/2	345	184	231	Jan. 2	166 1/2	Feb. 11	Texas Co. ....	81,971,900	Dec. 31, '19	2 1/2	Q	183	187 1/2	177	184	+ 4	32,500	
..	..	..	..	193	Jan. 14	193	Jan. 14	Do sub. rets., 1st pd.	..	..	..	..	..	193	..	..	..	..	
..	..	..	..	193	Jan. 19	156 1/2	Feb. 13	Do sub. rets., 30% pd.	..	..	..	..	..	173 1/2	175	173 1/2	175	+ 1 1/2	500
..	..	..	..	196	Jan. 28	158	Feb. 11	Do sub. rets., f. pd.	..	..	..	..	..	172	172	172	172	+ 3 1/2	100
20 1/2	14	70 1/2	27 1/2	43 1/2	Jan. 13	25	Feb. 13	Texas & Pacific. ....	38,700,000	..	..	..	..	29 1/2	38 1/2	27 1/2	37 1/2	+ 8	62,300
150	130 1/2	460	180	325	Jan. 14	240	Feb. 13	Texas Pac. Land Tr.	2,600,700	..	..	..	..	..	..	240	..	..	
31 1/2	12 1/2	25 1/2	11	14 1/2	Jan. 7	12	Feb. 9	Third Avenue. ....	16,590,600	Oct. 1, '16	1	..	12	14	12	14	+ 1 1/2	900	
200 1/2	178	275	207	205	Jan. 30	205	Jan. 30	Tide Water Oil. ....	33,087,000	Dec. 31, '19	1 1/4	Q	..	..	..	205	..	..	
..	..	..	..	23 1/2	Jan. 13	19	Jan. 30	Tide Water Oil rights.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	
82 1/2	48 1/2	115	72 1/2	95 1/2	Jan. 3	61	Feb. 13	Tobacco Products. ....	17,506,900	Feb. 16, '20	1 1/2	Q	68 1/2	70 1/2	65 1/2	69 1/2	+ 1 1/2	10,000	
..	..	..	..	1 1/2	Feb. 16	1 1/2	Feb. 16	Tobacco Products rts.	..	..	..	..	..	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	..	200
104 1/2	87 1/2	120	97 1/2	106	Jan. 7	92	Feb. 13	Tobacco Products pf.	8,644,000	Jan. 2, '20	1 1/4	Q	92 1/2	95	92 1/2	95	+ 1	200	
7 1/2	4	13 1/2	5	11 1/2	Jan. 3	10 1/2	Feb. 19	T. St. L. & W. cfs. of d.	8,626,700	..	..	..	..	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	+ 1/2	1,500
16	8 1/2	25 1/2	10	24	Jan. 3	21	Feb. 20	T. St. L. & W. pf. of d.	8,833,500	..	..	..	..	21	21	21	21	..	100
..	..	..	..	38 1/2	Jan. 5	20	Feb. 6	Transcont. Oil. .... (sh.)	2,004,000	..	..	..	..	23 1/2	24	21	23 1/2	+ 1 1/2	41,900
42	30 1/2	74 1/2	37 1/2	60 1/2	Jan. 3	54 1/2	Feb. 6	Transue & Wms. (sh.)	100,000	Jan. 10, '20	\$1.25	Q	55 1/2	60	54 1/2	60	+ 4	1,900	
65 1/2	32	60	29 1/2	35	Jan. 26	28 1/2	Feb. 11	Twin City Rap. Tran.	22,000,000	Jan. 2, '19	1	..	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	+ 1 1/2	100	
125	100	102 1/2	101 1/2	..	..	..	..	Twin City Rap. Tr. pf.	8,000,000	Jan. 2, '20	1 1/4	Q	..	..	..	102 1/2	..	..	
112	100	197 1/2	115	100	Jan. 2	108	Feb. 14	UNDER TYPEWR. ....	9,000,000	Jan. 1, '20	1 1/2	Q	172	172	171 1/2	171 1/2	+ 3 1/2	200	
112	104	121	112	110	Jan. 28	108	Feb. 9	Underw. Type. pf.	3,900,000	Jan. 1, '20	1 1/4	Q	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	..	100	
80	65	100	75	96	Jan. 6	88 1/2	Feb. 17	Union Bag & Paper.	9,300,100	Dec. 15, '19	2	Q	88 1/2	89	88 1/2	89	..	400	
..	..	..	..	38	Jan. 3	27 1/2	Feb. 11	Union Oil. .... (sh.)	1,325,204	..	..	..	..	30 1/2	32 1/2	28 1/2	31 1/2	+ 1/2	35,100
137 1/2	100 1/2	138 1/2	119 1/2	124 1/2	Jan. 3	110	Feb. 13	Union Pacific. ....	222,291,600	Jan. 1, '20	2 1/2	Q	113 1/2	121	113 1/2	121	+ 1 1/2	38,900	
76 1/2	60	74 1/2	63	69 1/2	Jan. 3	65	Feb. 10	Union Pacific pf. ....	90,543,500	Oct. 1, '19	2	SA	67	67	65	67	+ 1	1,700	
44 1/2	36 1/2	58 1/2	37 1/2	53	Jan. 5	40 1/2	Feb. 11	Unit. Al. St. Lcs. (sh.)	525,000	Jan. 20, '20	1	Q	44	45 1/2	44	45 1/2	+ 1/2	1,700	
108 1/2	83 1/2	255	107 1/2	..	..	..	..	United Cigar Stores.	742,050	Nov. 15, '19	2 1/4	Q	..	..	..	219	..	..	
110	101 1/2	122	106	111 1/2	Jan. 13	100	Feb. 16	United Cig. Stores pf.	4,527,000	Dec. 15, '19	1 1/4	Q	109	109	109	109	..	100	
90 1/2	60	175 1/2	90 1/2	148	Jan. 14	125 1/2	Feb. 13	United Drug. ....	28,738,300	Jan. 2, '20	1 1/4	Q	126 1/2	132	126 1/2	132	+ 4	400	
50 1/2	46	55 1/2	50	53	Jan. 13	48 1/2	Feb. 13	Un. Drug. 1st pf. (\$50)	14,992,900	Feb. 2, '20	87 1/2	Q	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	..	600	
85 1/2	77	105	91	..	..	..	..	United Drug 2d pf.	4,118,400	Dec. 1, '19	1 1/4	Q	..	..	..	150	..	..	
61	58	62	58	..	..	..	..	United Dyewood. ....	13,918,300	Jan. 2, '20	1 1/4	Q	..	..	..	62	..	..	
90 1/2	85	96	96	90	Jan. 9	96	Jan. 9	United Dyewood pf.	4,500,000	Jan. 2, '20	1 1/4	Q	..	..	..	96	..	..	
109 1/2	110 1/2	215	157	204 1/2	Jan. 5	176	Feb. 11	United Fruit Co. ....	50,316,500	Jan. 15, '20	2 1/4	Q	182 1/2	185 1/2	182	185 1/2	+ 2 1/2	2,500	
22	21 1/2	30	20 1/2	..	..	..	..	United Paperboard.	9,186,400	Dec. 16, '18	1	..	..	..	..	28	..	..	
11	4 1/2	15 1/2	7 1/2	12 1/2	Jan. 10	8 1/2	Feb. 5	United Rys. Inv. Co.	20,400,000	..	..	..	..	9 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2	10	..	1,400
20	10 1/2	34 1/2	15	29 1/2	Jan. 27	20 1/2	Feb. 13	Un. Rys. Inv. Co. pf.	15,000,000	Jan. 10, '07	1	..	23	24 1/2	22 1/2	24 1/2	+ 1 1/2	2,000	
..	..	..	..	96 1/2	Jan. 3	64	Feb. 13	Un. Retail Stores. (sh.)	557,492	Feb. 2, '20	83	..	70 1/2	71 1/2	67 1/2	70 1/2	+ 1 1/2	43,200	
10 1/2	11 1/2	38 1/2	14	25 1/2	Jan. 3	15 1/2	Feb. 13	U.S.C.I. Pipe & Fy. Co.	12,000,000	Dec. 1, '07	1	..	18	18 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/2	+ 1 1/2	1,300	
47 1/2	40	74 1/2	42 1/2	55	Jan. 2	43	Feb. 3	U.S.C.I. Pipe & Fy. pf.	12,000,000	Dec. 13, '19	1 1/4	Q	45	46	45	46	+ 1/2	400	
10 1/2	14 1/2	32 1/2	16 1/2	31 1/2	Jan. 9	28	Feb. 6	U. S. Express. ....	10,000,000	Nov. 29, '18	88	Sp.	30 1/2	31	30 1/2	31	+ 1/2	200	
61 1/2	33	91 1/2	66	78 1/2	Jan. 5	53 1/2	Feb. 13	U. S. Food Products.	30,944,800	Jan. 19, '20	12	Q	60	62 1/2	58	61 1/2	+ 2 1/2	6,200	
137	96	167	97 1/2	116 1/2	Jan. 9	77 1/2	Feb. 13	U. S. Indus. Alcohol.	12,000,000	Dec. 15, '19	2	Q	85 1/2	87	79 1/2	80 1/2	+ 1	42,400	
99	94	111	90 1/2	103 1/2	Jan. 6	101	Feb. 6	U. S. Indus. Alco. pf.	6,000,000	Jan. 15, '20	1 1/4	Q	..	..	..	101	..	..	
26	8	50 1/2	17 1/2	56 1/2	Jan. 14	40	Feb. 13	U. S. Realty & Imp.	16,102,500	Feb. 1, '15	1	..	40 1/2	48	44 1/2	48	+ 2 1/2	3,900	
80 1/2	51	139 1/2	173	143 1/2	Jan. 5	91 1/2	Feb. 13	U. S. Rubber Co. ....	68,484,100										



## The Trend of Bond Prices—Average of 40 Listed Issues



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Week Ended February 21

Total Sales \$68,426,150 Par Value

Range, 1920					Range, 1920					Range, 1920					Range, 1920				
High	Low	Sales	High	Low	High	Low	Sales	High	Low	High	Low	Sales	High	Low	Sales	High	Low		
58 1/2	55 1/2	19	ADAMS EXP. 4s. 1918	58 1/2	56	56	..	108 1/2	100	48	Chile Copper 7s. 1915	105	101	105	..	44	42 1/2		
12	13	1	Alaska G. M. cv. 6s.	12	13	13	..	65 1/2	63	5	C. C. C. & St. L.	65 1/2	65	65 1/2	+ 1/2	95 1/2	94		
			Series B .....	13	13	13	..	84	84	2	C. C. C. & St. L.	84	84	84 1/2	+ 1/2	5	M. & St. L. P. Ext. 4s 1915		
100	95	38	Am. Ag. Ch. cv. 5s. 1915	100 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	+ 1 1/2	77	73	7	C. C. C. & St. L.	76	75	76 + 1	+ 1/2	32	28 1/2		
80 1/2	80	7	Am. Ag. Ch. deb. 5s. 1914	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	+ 1	71 1/2	71 1/2	5	C. C. C. & St. L.	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2 + 1 1/2	+ 1 1/2	26	24		
98 1/2	96 1/2	1	Am. Cotton Oil 5s. 1915	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	+ 3/4	85	81	1	Col. Gas. & E. 1st 5s 81	81	81	81 - 1	- 1	38	37		
86 1/2	82	30	Am. Dock & I. 5s. 1915	86 1/2	82	82	..	74	72	13	Col. Industrial 5s. 72 1/2	72	72	72 - 3/4	- 3/4	50	52		
85	82	1	Am. S. & R. 1st 5s. 1915	82	83	83	..	85 1/2	82 1/2	2	Col. & So. 1st 4s. 83	82 1/2	83	83 + 1/2	+ 1/2	83 1/2	81		
90 1/2	85 1/2	65	Am. T. & T. cv. 4 1/2s 84	90 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	+ 1	75	69	17	Col. & So. ref. 4 1/2s. 71 1/2	70 1/2	71	71 + 1/2	+ 1/2	89 1/2	85 1/2		
80 1/2	77 1/2	118	Am. T. & T. col. 4s. 78 1/2	77 1/2	78	78	+ 1/2	88	83	1	Comp. Tab. Rec. 4s. 83	83	83	83 - 2	- 2	85 1/2	81 1/2		
85 1/2	80	72	Am. T. & T. col. 5s. 81 1/2	80	81	81	- 1/2	85	82	1	Columbia G. & E. 5s 82	82	82	82 - 3	- 3	70 1/2	70		
83 1/2	82	3	Am. Wr. Paper 7s. 82 1/2	82	82	82	- 1/2	75	73	2	Con. Coal Md. 5s. 75	75	75	75 - 9	- 9	22	17 1/2		
83 1/2	40 1/2	2	Ann Arbor 4s. 1915	83 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	- 3/4	101	99 1/2	442 1/2	Con. Gas cv. 7s. 101	101	101	101 + 1	+ 1				
84 1/2	82 1/2	76	Armour & Co. 4 1/2s. 83 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	+ 3/4	85 1/2	84 1/2	2	Cumberland Tel. 5s. 85	85	85	85 ..	..	35 1/2	30		
82 1/2	74 1/2	170	A. T. & S. F. gen. 4s 78 1/2	75	78 1/2	78 1/2	+ 3/4	85 1/2	81 1/2	3	DEL. & HUD. cv. 5s 82	81 1/2	82	82 + 1/2	+ 1/2	45 1/2	40		
71 1/2	60 1/2	53	A. T. & S. F. adj. 4s 70	60	70	70	+ 3/4	96 1/2	96 1/2	1	D. & H. Hen eq. 4 1/2s. 96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2 ..	..	82 1/2	73		
60 1/2	67 1/2	5	A. T. & S. F. cv. 4 1/2s 65	65	69	69	+ 4	72 1/2	62 1/2	4	D. & R. G. con. 4 1/2s. 62 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2 - 1 1/2	- 1 1/2	79	75 1/2		
71 1/2	67 1/2	18	A. T. & S. F. adj. 4s. 69	67 1/2	68	68	- 3/4	70 1/2	63	8	D. & R. G. imp. 5s. 66	63	66	66 - 4 1/2	- 4 1/2	62	58		
69 1/2	65	1	A. T. & S. F. cv. 4 1/2s 65	65	65	65	..	67 1/2	60	77	D. & R. G. con. 4s. 64	60	62 1/2	62 1/2 + 1 1/2	+ 1 1/2	93 1/2	89 1/2		
80	71	39	Atl. Coast Line 4s. 76	74	75	75	+ 3/4	46	39	90	D. & R. G. 1st ref. 5s 41 1/2	39	41	41 + 1/2	+ 1/2	70	64 1/2		
72	67	10	A.C.L. & N. col. 4s. 68	67	67 1/2	67 1/2	- 3/4	90	87 1/2	1	Det. Edison ref. 5s. 88	88	88	88 + 3/4	+ 3/4	71	66 1/2		
78	72 1/2	5	Atl. C. L. unif. 4 1/2s 73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	- 1/2	69	65	1	Detroit Un. Ry. 4 1/2s 65	65	65	65 - 1	- 1	61 1/2	50		
58 1/2	55	1	Atl. & Char. 5s. Ser. B 88	58	58	58	+ 3	83	80 1/2	2	Dist. Securities 5s. 80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2 - 2 1/2	- 2 1/2	75	66		
								98	95	2	ERIE 1st con. 7s. 97	97	97	97 + 1	+ 1	79	77		
97	97	1	BALD. LOCO. 5s. 1917	97	97	97	- 3/4	55	49 1/2	62	Erle 1st con. 4s. 54 1/2	49 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2 + 5 1/2	+ 5 1/2	67 1/2	62		
70	60	83	Balt. & Ohio G. 4s. 1915	61 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	+ 2 1/2	44	39	99	Erle gen. 4s. 39 1/2	44	44	44 + 4 1/2	+ 4 1/2	64	62 1/2		
60	50	5	B. & O. gold 4s. 1915	60	60	60	..	37 1/2	30	7	Erle cv. 4s. A. 37 1/2	34	37 1/2	37 1/2 + 2 1/2	+ 2 1/2	85 1/2	81 1/2		
84 1/2	80	316	Balt. & Ohio ref. 5s. 83 1/2	80	83 1/2	83 1/2	+ 2 1/2	73	68 1/2	7	Erle cv. 4s. B. 37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2 + 1 1/2	+ 1 1/2	100	100		
81 1/2	78 1/2	113	B. & O. pr. lien 3 1/2s 83 1/2	79	83 1/2	83 1/2	+ 4 1/2	39 1/2	34	26	Erle cv. 4s. Ser. D. 39	30 1/2	39	39 + 3	+ 3	73	67 1/2		
92	81 1/2	340	B. & O. temp. 4s. 1915	81 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	+ 2 1/2	79 1/2	79	5	Erle Pa. col. 4s. 79 1/2	79	79 1/2	79 1/2 + 1/2	+ 1/2	45	44 1/2		
96	89 1/2	230 1/2	B. & O. conv. 4 1/2s. 1915	89 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	+ 3 1/2	90	90	10	Erle & Jer. S. I. 5s. 90	90	90	90 - 1 1/2	- 1 1/2	47 1/2	44 1/2		
77	69 1/2	10	B. & O. S. W. 7 1/2s. 72	70	71 1/2	71 1/2	+ 1 1/2	80	76	2	FLA. E. COAST 4 1/2s 76 1/2	76	76 1/2	76 1/2 - 3 1/2	- 3 1/2	48	46		
61	53	122	B.O. P. L. E. & W. 4s 56	53	56	56	+ 2 1/2	97	80 1/2	2	GEN. ELLEC. deb. 5s 88	80 1/2	88	88 + 1 1/2	+ 1 1/2	45	44 1/2		
52	47 1/2	7	B. & O. P. L. E. & W. 4s 56	48	49 1/2	49 1/2	+ 1 1/2	10	7 1/2	16	Green Bay deb. B. 10	7 1/2	10	10 + 2 1/2	+ 2 1/2	61	59 1/2		
49	49	1	Battle Creek & S. 3s 40	49	49	49	..	87 1/2	84	116	HAV. EL. RY. 5s. 1915	85 1/2	85	85 1/2 + 1/2	+ 1/2	91	87 1/2		
97 1/2	95 1/2	2	Beth. Stl. ex. 5s. 1915	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	- 1/2	73	68 1/2	7	Hock. Val. 1st 4 1/2s. 69	69	69	69 + 3/4	+ 3/4	90 1/2	92		
88	82 1/2	16	Beth. Stl. ref. 3s. 1915	82 1/2	84	84	..	60	54	54	Hud. & M. ref. 5s. 50 1/2	54 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2 + 2 1/2	+ 2 1/2	12 1/2	7 1/2		
80 1/2	82 1/2	20	Beth. Stl. pur. m. 5s 84 1/2	82 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	+ 1 1/2	16 1/2	13	68	Hud. & M. adj. 5s. 15 1/2	13 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2 + 1 1/2	+ 1 1/2	35	30		
50	30	40	B. R. T. 7s. 1921. 45	45	45	45	+ 6	72 1/2	64 1/2	11	ILL. CENT. 4s. 1915	64 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2 + 1/2	+ 1/2	80	73 1/2		
47 1/2	40	24	B. R. T. 7s. 1921. 45	40	44 1/2	44 1/2	- 1	70 1/2	67 1/2	91	Ill. Cent. ref. 4s. 72	67 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2 + 3 1/2	+ 3 1/2	103	103		
45	31 1/2	1	B.R.T. 7s. 1921. 45	30	40	40	- 1	93 1/2	90	7	Ill. Cent. temp. 5 1/2s. 92	90	92	92 + 1 1/2	+ 1 1/2	107 1/2	104 1/2		
63	61 1/2	1	B'klyn Un. Elev. 5s. 61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	- 3/4	83 1/2	80	1	Ill. C. & C. St. L.	80	80	80 - 1	- 1	85	82		
77	70	1	B'klyn Un. Gas 5s. 77	77	77	77	+ 4	93 1/2	90	21	Indiana Steel 5s. 1915	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2 + 3/4	+ 3/4	85	82 1/2		
80	78	4	Bush Terminal 5s. 75	75	75	75	+ 2	19 1/2	14 1/2	240	Inter-Met. 4 1/2s. 18 1/2	14 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2 + 2 1/2	+ 2 1/2	93	92 1/2		
90 1/2	83	14	CAL. GAS. & EL. 5s 89 1/2	83	89 1/2	89 1/2	+ 7 1/2	57	48	560	Inter-Met. c. of d. 18	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2 + 2 1/2	+ 2 1/2	101	99 1/2		
87	82	1	Can. Sou. con. 5s. 82	82	82	82	..	95 1/2	87 1/2	68	Int. Rap. Tran. 5s. 33 1/2	50 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2 + 1 1/2	+ 1 1/2	85	80		
97 1/2	94	15	Central Leather 5s. 94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	..	84 1/2	78	5	Int. Mer. Marine 6s. 88 1/2	87 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2 + 1	+ 1	72 1/2	65		
94	88	15	Cent. of Ga. 4s. 1915	88	89 1/2	89 1/2	+ 1 1/2	42	37 1/2	38	Int. Agricul. 5s. 79	78	78	78 - 1	- 1	83	78		
95 1/2	95 1/2	2	Cent. of Ga. 1st 5s. 1915	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	..	70	63	6	K. C. F. S. & M. 4s 66	65	65	65 + 1 1/2	+ 1 1/2	88 1/2	85		
88	83 1/2	9	Cent. of Ga. con. 5s. 84	83 1/2	84	84	+ 1/2	100	98	28	K. C. F. S. & M. 6s 98	98	98	98 - 1/2	- 1/2	90 1/2	91		
81 1/2	80 1/2	5	C.R.R. & B. Ga. col. 5s 80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	- 3/4	73 1/2	67 1/2	43	Kan. City Sou. 5s. 70	67 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2 + 1 1/2	+ 1 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2		
65	65	1	Cent. Ohio 4s. 1915	65	65	65	+ 10	50	55	6	Kan. City Sou. 3s. 55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2 - 3/4	- 3/4	81	80 1/2		
78	60 1/2	80	Cent. Pacific 4s. 1915	60 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	+ 3/4	76 1/2	68	62	Kan. City Term. 4s. 72	68	72	72 + 3 1/2	+ 3 1/2	94	89 1/2		
81 1/2	75 1/2	146	Ches. & Ohio cv. 5s. 80 1/2	77	80 1														







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U. S. 2s, reg., 1930.....Q.J	100½	C. F. Childs & Co.	101¼	C. F. Childs & Co.
Do coupon, 1930.....Q.J	100½	"	101¼	"
U. S. 4s, reg., 1925.....Q.F	106	"	106¾	"
Do coupon, 1925.....Q.F	106	"	106¾	"
Pan. Canal 2s, reg., '16-'36.Q.F	100¼	"	101	"
Do coupon, 1916-'36.....Q.F	100¼	"	101	"
Panama 3s, reg., 1961.....89	"	"	90	"
Do coupon.....89	"	"	90	"

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Anglo-French 5s, Oct., 1920..	96½	Bull & Eldredge.....	96¼	Bull & Eldredge..
Argentine 6s, 1920.....	98½	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.	99¼	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.
Argentine (Sterling) 6s, 1920.	98	Bull & Eldredge.....	98¾	Bull & Eldredge..
Belgian Govt. 5s, 1919.....	70	A. R. Risse.....	74	A. R. Risse..
Do 5s, 3-yr., Dec., 1921.....	70	"	73	"
Do 6s, 1-yr., Jan., 1921.....	98¾	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.	99¾	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.
Do 6s, 3-yr., Jan., 1923.....	96½	"	97	"
British Govt. 4s, 1920.....	286	Bull & Eldredge.....	290	A. R. Risse..
Do 4s, 1929-42.....	341	A. R. Risse.....	350	"
Do 5s, 1922.....	341	"	351	"
Do 5s, 1927.....	341	"	351	"
Canada 5s, 1921.....	96½	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.	97	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.
Canada 5½s, 1922.....	85	Bull & Eldredge.....	87	Bull & Eldredge..
Do 5½s, 1929.....	93¾	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.	94	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.
Canada 5s, Oct., 1931.....	80½	Bull & Eldredge.....	84½	Bull & Eldredge..
Do, 1937.....	85	"	88	"
Cuban Govt. 5s, 1944.....	91½	Miller & Co.....	93¼	Miller & Co..
Cuban Govt. 4½s, 1949.....	84½	"	86½	"
Cuban Govt. 5s, 1949.....	75	"	76	"
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French Internal 5s, 1931.....	64	"	65	"
Italian Govt. 3-yr. 5s.....	57	Bull & Eldredge.....	58	R. A. Solch & Co.
Do 3-yr. 5s.....	56½	"	58	"
Japanese Govt. 4½s, 1925.....	72	"	74	Bull & Eldredge..
Do pf 4½s, 1925, 2d series..	72½	"	74	"
Do pf 4s, 1931.....	50½	"	60	"
Norway 6s, 1923.....	93½	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.	95½	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.
Russian Govt. 5½s, Dec., '21.	27	R. A. Solch & Co.....	28	Bull & Eldredge..
Russian ruble F. & A., 5½s.	"	"	"	"
Feb., '26.....	33	Bull & Eldredge.....	35	"
Russian Govt. 6½s, exten. 1919	26	"	29	"
Swedish Govt. 6s, 1939.....	92	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.	92½	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.
Switzerland 5s, March, 1920.	99½	"	99¾	"
Do 3½s, August, 1920.....	87	"	87½	Bull & Eldredge..

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Antlers Twp. (Okla.) Road 5s, 1944.....	.....	*5.37	"
Atlantic Co. (N. J.) Bridge 5s, 1921-25.....	.....	*4.65	R. M. Grant & Co.
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Beaumont (Texas) Municipal 5s, 1941-54.....	.....	*5.00	R. M. Grant & Co.
Bell County (Ky.) Road and Bridge.....	.....	*5.00	"
Bessie (Okla.) W. W. 5s, 1941.....	.....	*5.75	W. L. Slayton & Co., Tol.
Bienville Parish (La.) 5s, 1921-49.....	.....	*5.00	"
Bowling Green (Fla.) W. W. & E. L. 6s, 1939.....	.....	*5.50	"
Biddeford (Me.) Refunding 3½s, 1925.....	.....	*4.70	R. M. Grant & Co.
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Bridgeport (Conn.) 5s, 1934.....	.....	*4.50	R. M. Grant & Co.
Bridgeport (Conn.) Municipal 5s, 1925.....	.....	*4.50	"
Buffalo (N. Y.) reg. 4s, 1931.....	.....	*4.50	Estabrook & Co.
Boston (Mass.) reg. 3½s, 1942.....	.....	*4.60	"
Bryan (Ohio) W. W. 5½s, 1924-33.....	.....	*5.00	A. E. Aub & Co., Cin.
Brevard Co. (Fla.) School District 6s, 1943.....	.....	*5.25	R. M. Grant & Co.
Caldwell Par. (La.) School 5s, 1921-29.....	.....	*5.75	W. L. Slayton & Co., Tol.
Cambridge (Ohio) W. W. 4½s, 1923.....	.....	*4.40	A. E. Aub & Co., Cin.
Cleveland Township (N. C.) Imp. 5s, 1947.....	.....	*5.25	W. L. Slayton & Co., Tol.
Chapley (Fla.) W. W. 5s, 1949.....	.....	*5.20	"
Clay Co. (Fla.) No. 2 6s, 1921-35.....	.....	*5.37	"
Chicago (Ill.) Sanitary Dist. 4s, 1921.....	.....	*4.75	R. M. Grant & Co.
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Comanche Co. (Texas) 5s, 1922-40.....	.....	*5.50	A. E. Aub & Co., Cin.
Cincinnati (Ohio) coupon 5s, 1942.....	.....	*4.80	Estabrook & Co.
Dayton (Ohio) 4½s, 1934.....	.....	*4.80	"
Dade Co. (Fla.) School 6s, 1928-44.....	.....	*5.37	W. L. Slayton & Co., Tol.
Des Moines (Ia.) Water Works 5s, 1930-60.....	.....	*4.75	R. M. Grant & Co.
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Everett (Mass.) School 4s, 1923.....	.....	*4.55	R. M. Grant & Co.
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Gallipolis (Ohio) ref. 5s, 1920-44.....	.....	*4.90	A. E. Aub & Co., Cin.
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Hunt Co. (Texas) Road Imp. 5s, 1951.....	*5.00 "
Iberia Par. (La.) Rd. Dist. No. 2 5s, 1929-36.....	*5.25 W.L.Slayton & Co., Tol.
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Jackson Co. (Tex.) Rd. Dist. No. 1 5½s, 1953 (Op. '23-48).....	*5.37 "
Jefferson Par. (La.) Rd. Dist. No. 1 5s, 1930-44.....	*5.00 "
Jefferson Par. (La.) Rd. Dist. No. 2 Pub. Imp. 5s, 1926-44.....	*5.00 "
Jersey City (N. J.) coupon gold 4½s, Dec., 1932-41.....	*4.80 Estabrook & Co.
Kiamichi Twp. (Okla.) Rd. Imp. & Building 6s, 1944.....	*5.50 W.L.Slayton & Co., Tol.
Lakeland (Fla.) Streets 6s, 1929.....	*5.25 "
Lafourche Par. (La.) Road Dist., 1929-43.....	*5.25 "
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Lorain (O.) 5s, 1922-27.....	*5.00 Estabrook & Co.
Lorain (O.) W. W. ref. 5½s, 1929.....	*5.00 A. E. Aub & Co., Cin.
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Lufkin (Tex.) Tr. Warrants 6s, 1941-1945.....	*5.50 W.L.Slayton & Co., Tol.
Lynn (Mass.) 5½s, 1935.....	*4.75 Estabrook & Co.
McAlester (Okla.) School 5s, 1944.....	*5.00 A. E. Aub & Co., Cin.
Marion (N. C.) W. W. and Imp. 5s, 1947.....	*5.12 W.L.Slayton & Co., Tol.
Mahoning Co. (O.) Road 5s, 1929.....	*5.00 R. M. Grant & Co.
Memphis (Tenn.) Imp. 5s, 1935.....	*4.75 "
Memphis (Tenn.) Hospital 5s, 1938.....	*4.75 "
Montgomery Co. (Ohio) Hospital 5½s, serial.....	*4.80 A. E. Aub & Co., Cin.
Minneapolis (Minn.) 4s, 1939.....	*4.80 Estabrook & Co.
Napoleon (O.) ref. 5s, 1929-34.....	*4.90 W.L.Slayton & Co., Tol.
New Iberia (La.) paving 5s, 1922-30.....	*5.25 "
Newton (Mass.) 4s, 1935.....	*4.75 Estabrook & Co.
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Do St. Imp. 5s, 1928-29.....	*4.90 "
Do W. W. 5½s, 1928-33.....	*4.90 "
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Pinellas Co. (Fla.) 6s, 1949.....	*5.50 W.L.Slayton & Co., Tol.
Putnam Co. (Fla.) R. & B. 6s, 1924-44.....	*5.40 "
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Richmond Heights (Ohio) Rd. 5½s, 1923-34.....	*5.12 "
Richland Twp. (O.) Road 5s, 1921-29.....	*5.00 "
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Do deb. 5s, 1927.....	77 "	84 "
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Jersey City, Hoboken & Pat-			
erson 4s, 1949.....	45 B. H. & F. W. Pelzer....	52 B. H. & F. W. Pelzer.	
Inter. Trac. (Buff.) 4s, 1941.	26 A. F. Ingold & Co.....	29 A. F. Ingold & Co.	
Kansas City H. T. 5s, 1923	88 Steinberg & Co., St. L.	90 Steinberg & Co., St. L.	
Do Long Dist. 5s, 1925.....	85 "	84 1/2 "	
Kings Co. El. Lt. & Pr. 5s, '37	83 1/2 A. F. Ingold & Co.....	85 1/2 Stix & Co., St. L.	
Kinloch Tel. Co. L. D. 5s, '29	.....	95 "	
Do pf 1st 6s, 1928.....	93 1/2 Stix & Co., St. L.....	95 "	
Laurentide Pr. 5 1/2s, 1946.....	78 A. F. Ingold & Co.....	81 Paul & Co., Phila.	
Lancaster Co. Ry. & Lt. 5s, '51	85 Paul & Co., Phila.....	.....	
Laclede Gas Light 7s, 1929....	96 1/2 Steinberg & Co., St. L.	97 1/2 Steinberg & Co., St. L.	
Do 5s, 1934.....	83 "	87 "	
Los Angeles Elec. 1st 5s, '38.	73 1/2 A.E.Lewis & Co., Los A.	75 A.E.Lewis & Co., Los A.	
& ref. 5s, 1939.....	85 Sutro Bros. & Co.....	92 Sutro Bros. & Co.	
Los Angeles Elec. 1st 5s, '28.	90 "	98 "	
Los Angeles Pac. 1st ref. 4s,			
1950.....	60 A.E.Lewis & Co., Los A.	65 "	
Los Angeles Rwy. Corp. 1st			
& ref. 5s, due 1940.....	60 "	63 A.E.Lewis & Co., Los A.	
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Mis.-Ed. Elec. Co. 1st 5s, '27	86 Stix & Co., St. L.....	87 1/2 Stix & Co., St. L.	
Miss. Riv. Power 1st 5s, 1951	70 Stone & Webster.....	73 Stone & Webster.	
Montreal Tram. 5s, 1941.....	70 Miller & Co.....	75 Miller & Co.	
Montreal Lt. & Pr. 4 1/2s, '34.	77 "	78 A. F. Ingold & Co.	
Mt. Whitney Power 6s, 1939....	98 Sutro Bros. & Co.....	99 McDonnell & Co.	
Mutual Union Tel. 5s, 1941....	89 Blodget & Co.....	94 Blodget & Co.	
Middle West Utilities 6s, '25.	90 A. H. Bickmore & Co....	95 A. H. Bickmore & Co.	
Nevada-Cal. Elec. 6s, '46....	90 Spencer Trask & Co....	96 Spencer Trask & Co.	
Newark Pass. Ry. 5s, 1930....	70 B. H. & F. W. Pelzer....	80 B. H. & F. W. Pelzer.	
Newark Cons. Gas. 5s, 1948....	79 "	83 "	
N. Y. & Westch. Lit. 4s, 2004	55 Redmond & Co.....	60 Redmond & Co.	
New Or. Ry. & Lt. 4 1/2s, '35....	60 Miller & Co.....	61 Miller & Co.	
Do 5s, 1945.....	43 "	48 "	
Niagara Falls Power 5s, '32....	91 1/2 Spencer Trask & Co....	93 1/2 Spencer Trask & Co.	
North Jersey St. Ry. 4s, '48.	44 B. H. & F. W. Pelzer....	50 B. H. & F. W. Pelzer.	
Northern Texas Elec. 5s, '40.	72 Stone & Webster.....	79 Stone & Webster.	
Ontario Power (Niagara			
Falls) 6s, 1921.....	94 Blodget & Co.....	98 Blodget & Co.	
Ontario Transmission 5s, '45	74 "	81 "	
Omaha & Council Bluffs Ry.			
& Bridge 5s, 1928.....	76 Redmond & Co.....	79 Redmond & Co.	
Pac. Elec. Ry. 1st 5s, 1942....	70 A.E.Lewis & Co., Los A.	73 A.E.Lewis & Co., Los A.	
Pac. Lt. & Power 1st 5s, '42	83 Sutro Bros. & Co.....	91 Sutro Bros. & Co.	
Pac. Lt. & Pr. 1st & ref. 5s, '51	83 "	86 "	
Pacific Coast 5s, 1946.....	73 Blodget & Co.....	81 Blodget & Co.	
Pacific G. & E. g. & r. 5s, '42	78 National City Co.....	80 National City Co.	
Pacific Lt. & Pr. 5s, 1930....	78 1/2 McDonnell & Co.....	79 A. F. Ingold & Co.	
Pensacola Elec. 5s, 1931.....	.....	70 Stone & Webster.	
Portland (Ore.) Ry., Lt. &			
Pr. 5s, 1930.....	63 Redmond & Co.....	68 Redmond & Co.	
Pat. & Passaic G. & E. 5s, '49.	70 B. H. & F. W. Pelzer....	.....	
Rutland Ry. L. & P. 5s, 1946	45 Redmond & Co.....	55 Redmond & Co.	
San An. Wat. Sup. ref. 5s, '33.	80 Stix & Co., St. Louis.	85 Stix & Co., St. Louis.	
St. Joseph Ry. Lt., H. & P.			
5s, 1937.....	60 Redmond & Co.....	.....	
San Joaquin Lt. & Pr. 5s, '45	82 Sutro Bros. & Co.....	88 Sutro Bros. & Co.	
San Francisco & San Joaquin			
Valley R. R. 5s, 1940.....	92 "	97 "	
So. Pacific Branch Ry. 6s, '37	100 "	106 "	
St. Louis Transit 5s, 1924....	36 1/2 Steinberg & Co., St. L.	37 1/2 Steinberg & Co., St. L.	
St. L. & Suburban 5s, 1921....	89 1/2 "	91 1/2 "	
Do gen. 5s, 1923.....	51 "	52 "	
St. L. Ry. (B'way) 4 1/2s, '20.	93 1/2 "	95 "	
Seattle Elec. 5s, 1929.....	82 Stone & Webster.....	90 Stone & Webster.	
Seattle Elec. 5s, 1930.....	90 Blodget & Co.....	94 Blodget & Co.	
So. Cal. Edison gen. 5s, 1939.	7 J. Nickerson, Jr.....	.....	
So. Cal. Gas 6s, 1950.....	94 "	96 "	
S. Cal. Ed. gen. & ref. 6s, '44	93 A.E.Lewis & Co., Los A.	96 A.E.Lewis & Co., Los A.	
So. Jersey G. & E. Tr. 5s, '53	73 A. F. Ingold & Co.....	76 A. F. Ingold & Co.	
Superior Water, Lt. & Pr.			
1st 5s, 1965.....	70 Redmond & Co.....	.....	
Syracuse Lighting Co. 1st 5s,			
1951.....	80 "	85 Redmond & Co.	
Syracuse Lt. & Pr. 5s, 1954....	69 "	73 "	
Tampa (Fla.) El. 1st 5s, '33.	85 "	88 Stone & Webster.	
Twin States Gas & El. 5s, '53	65 A. H. Bickmore & Co....	70 A. H. Bickmore & Co.	
Toronto Power 5s, 1924.....	75 Miller & Co.....	79 Miller & Co.	
Un'ed Elec. (N. J.) 4s, 1949.	64 B. H. & F. W. Pelzer....	68 B. H. & F. W. Pelzer.	
Un'ed Rys. St. Louis 4s, '34	47 Stix & Co., St. L.....	47 1/2 Steinberg & Co., St. L.	
Union Elec. Lt. & Pr. 1st 5s, '32	87 1/2 Steinberg & Co., St. L.	89 1/2 "	
Wash. Elec. 4s, 1951.....	57 1/2 A. F. Ingold & Co.	58 1/2 A. F. Ingold & Co.	
Va. & So. West. Ry. 5s, 1958.	60 Redmond & Co.....	65 Redmond & Co.	
Wheeling Traction 5s, 1931....	70 "	75 "	
Wisconsin River Pr. 5s, 1941.	66 Paul & Co., Phila.....	70 Paul & Co., Phila.	

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Chi., Peoria & St. L. pr. ln.			
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F. M. BOUGHNEY, Secretary,  
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G. D. MILNE, Treasurer.

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H. V. MONTGOMERY, Cashier,  
Dated Dec. 23d, 1919.

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A. P. ANDERSON, Cashier,  
Dated, Jan. 1st, 1920.

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	Bid for—		Offered—
At	By	At	By
Denver & Rio Grande Imp. 5s, 1928.....	64	A. F. Ingold & Co....	65
Do cons. 4s, 1930.....	61	"	62
Do ref. 5s, 1935.....	41	"	42
Macon Terminal 5s, 1956.....	80	Blodget & Co.....	85
Kentucky & Ind. Term. 1st 4 1/2s, 1961.....		Stix & Co., St. L.....	82
Kansas City Southern 3s.....		S. Goldschmidt.....	35
Little Rock & Hot Spgs. West 1st 4s, 1939.....	90	Stix & Co., St. L.....	65
New Mex. Ry. & Coal 5s, '47	75	F. J. Lisman & Co.....	
Do 5s, '51.....	70	"	
Pacific RR. of Mo. 1st 4s, '38	78 1/2	A. F. Ingold & Co.....	81
Do 3d 4s, 1938.....	62	"	66
Railroad Securities (Ill. Cent.) 4s, 1932.....		S. Goldschmidt.....	51
R. I. & Frisco 1st 5s, 1927.....		Stix & Co., St. L.....	80
Richmond & Allegheny 1st 4s, 1980.....	65	A. F. Ingold & Co.....	
Ulster & Delaware 5s, 1928.....	80	Redmond & Co.....	84
Vicks. & Meridian 1st 6s, '21	95	F. J. Lisman & Co.....	

## INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Aetna Explosives 6s, A.....	90	A. F. Ingold & Co.....	92	Webb & Co.....
Do 6s, B.....	50	Webb & Co.....	63	A. F. Ingold & Co.....
Ala. Steel & Shipbldg. 6s, '30	100	Baker, Carruthers & Pell	105	Baker, Carruthers & Pell
Amer. Bakery 6s, 1927.....	92	"	96	"
American Book 6s, 1925.....	90	"	101	"
Am. Brake Shoe & Fdy. 5s, '53	98	"	101	"
Amer. Brewing 6s, 1923.....	70	"		
American Caramel 6s, 1920.....	98	"		
American Can deb. 5s, 1928.....	90	Holmes, Bulkley & W.....	92	Holmes, Bulkley & W.....
American Ice Co. 5s, 1922.....	97	Baker, Carruthers & Pell		
American Hominy 5s, 1927.....	92	"		
Amer. Oil Fields 1st 6s, 1930.....	80	"	86	Baker, Carruthers & Pell
Am. Pipe & Const. Sec. 6s, '22	90	"	102	"
Am. Pipe & Fdy. 6s, 1925.....	97 1/2	"		
Am. Steamship 5s, 1920.....	99	"		
Am. Spirits Mfg. 6s, '20.....	98 1/2	"	100 1/2	Baker, Carruthers & Pell
Am. Tube & Stamp. 5s, 1932	86	"		
Atlas Portland Cement 6s, '25	96	"	100	Baker, Carruthers & Pell
Beech Cr. C. & C. 1st 5s, '44.....	88	H. I. Nicholas & Co.....		
Cahaba Coal Min. 1st 6s, '22	98	"		
Cambria Fuel 6s, 1925.....	92	"		
Can. Car & Fdy. 1st 6s, 1939	78	Baker, Carruthers & Pell		
Canadian T. & I. 6s, 1932.....	78	"		
Cons. Coal 6s, 1932.....	97	Spencer Trask & Co.....	98	Spencer Trask & Co.....
Clearfield Btl. Coal 4s, 1940.....	76	H. I. Nicholas & Co.....		
Diamond Ice & Coal 1st 6s.....	91	"		
Dillman Baking 6s, 1935.....	65	A. F. Ingold & Co.....	80	A. F. Ingold & Co.....
Dominion Glass 6s, 1933.....	87	Baker, Carruthers & Pell		
Du Pont Powder 4 1/2s, 1936.....	94	"		
Fairmont Coal 5s, 1931.....	85	"	88	Baker, Carruthers & Pell
General Baking 6s, 1936.....	92	Webb & Co.....	93 1/2	A. F. Ingold & Co.....
Hecker Jones Jewell 6s, 1922	97	Baker, Carruthers & Pell	100	Baker, Carruthers & Pell
Huntington Land & Imp. 1st col. tr. 6s.....	98 1/2	A. E. Lewis & Co., Los A.....	100	A. E. Lewis & Co., Los A.....
Holly Mfg. 5s, 1922.....	80	Baker, Carruthers & Pell		
Jamison C. & C. 1st 5s, 1931.....	94	H. I. Nicholas & Co.....		
Jones & Laughlin Steel 5s, '39	93	Holmes, Bulkley & W.....	95	Holmes, Bulkley & W.....
Indian Ref. 6s, 1921.....	99 1/2	Baker, Carruthers & Pell		
Keystone C. & C. ref 6s, '20-31	98	H. I. Nicholas & Co.....		
La Belle Iron 5s, 1940.....	95	"		
Locust Mtn. Coal 1st 6s, '25.....	95	"		
Long Bell Lum. 6s, 1922.....	99	"		
Lima Loco. Corp. 1st 6s, 1939	92	Redmond & Co.....		
Marquette Iron 7s, 1927.....	78	A. F. Ingold & Co.....	82	A. F. Ingold & Co.....
Merchants Coal Jt. 5s, 1921.....	95	H. I. Nicholas & Co.....		
Do Corp. 1st 5s, 1937.....	82	"		
Monon Coal Co. 1st s. f. 5s.....	40	Redmond & Co.....	45	Redmond & Co.....
Mississippi Glass 6s, 1924.....	70	Sutro Bros & Co.....	95	Stix & Co., St. L.....
Natomas Co. (Cal.) 6s, 1935.....	70	"	74	Sutro Bros. & Co.....
New Jersey Zinc 4s, 1926.....	91 1/2	Baker, Carruthers & Pell		
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Northwestern Iron 6s, 1934.....	95	"		
New Mex. Ry. & Coal 5s, '47.....	72	H. I. Nicholas & Co.....		
Do 5s, 1951.....	72	"		
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Pitts.-Westm'd Coal 1st 5s, '47	82	"		
Do, 1925.....	95	"		
Pocahontas Collieries 5s, 1937	82	Redmond & Co.....	84	Redmond & Co.....
Pleasant Valley Coal 5s, '46.....	75	Blodget & Co.....		
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Roch. & Pitts. C. & I. 4 1/2s, '32	86	"		
Rocky Mtn. Coal & I. 5s, '51.....	88	"		
Roane Iron 6s, 1923.....	95	Baker, Carruthers & Pell		
Sioux City Stockyards 5s, '30.....	95	Blodget & Co.....	100	Blodget & Co.....
Swift & Co. 5s, 1944.....	90	White, Weld & Co.....	90 1/2	White, Weld & Co.....
Union Steel 5s, '32.....	103	Hol., Bulk. & Wardrop	104	Hol., Bulk. & Wardrop
U. S. Steel, Ser. A, 5s, '51.....	90	"	101	"
West Kentucky Coal 5s, 1935.....	76	Baker, Carruthers & Pell	80	Baker, Carruthers & Pell
Ward Baking 6s.....	92	Webb & Co.....	94	Webb & Co.....
W. Pocahontas Corp. 4 1/2s, '45	75	H. I. Nicholas & Co.....		
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C. R. I. & P. 6s, 1922.....	91	"	92
Cleve., C. C. & St. L. 6s, '29	85 1/2	T. Hall Keyes & Co.....	86 1/2
Delaware & H. 5s, Aug., '20.....	90 1/2	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.	90 1/2
Gt. North. Ry., Sept., '20.....	98 1/2	Bull & Eldredge.....	98 1/2
Hocking Val. 6s, 1924.....	91	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.	93
Kan. City Term. 6s, 1923.....	97	Bull & Eldredge.....	97 1/2
N. Y. Cent. 6s, Sept., 1920.....	99 1/2	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.	99 1/2
Pennsyl. Co. 4 1/2s, June, '21.....	90 1/2	"	97 1/2
Pitts. & Shaw. 6s, Mar., 1920	99 1/2	Bull & Eldredge.....	100 1/2
St. Paul Un. Depot 5 1/2s, '23.....	96	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.	97
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7s, 1922	98	T. Hall Keyes & Co.	101
Duquesne L. & P. 6s, '49.	94½	Paul & Co., Phila.	99
Dallas Elec. 6s, 1921.	95	Stone & Webster.	98½
East Tex. Elec. 7s, 1921.	98		100
Interborough R. T. 7s, '21.	98	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.	107
Philadelphia Co. 6s, 1922.	92½	Paul & Co., Phila.	
Philadelphia Elec. 6s, 1922.	98		98½
Public Service 7s, 1922.	96	Bull & Eldredge.	88
Twin States G. & E. 7s, 1921.	96½	A. H. Bickmore & Co.	96½
United Gas Imp. 6s, 1921.	98½	Paul & Co., Phila.	98½

## INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Allied Pack. 6s, 1939.	78	T. Hall Keyes & Co.	79
Amer. Cotton Oil 5s, Sept., '24	97	Bull & Eldredge.	97½
Amer. Tel. & T. 6s, Feb., '24	94½		95½
Do 6s, 1922.	95½	T. Hall Keyes & Co.	95½
American Tobacco 7s, 1920.	100	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.	100½
Do 7s, 1921.	101		101½
Do 7s, 1922.	101	Bull & Eldredge.	101½
Do 7s, 1923.	101½	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.	102
Armour & Co. 6s, 1920 to 1924	98½		100½
Anaconda Copper 6s, 1929.	95		95½
Bradley Copper 6s, 1931.	90	T. Hall Keyes & Co.	96
Bethlehem Steel 7s, 1922.	100	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.	100½
Do 1923.	100	T. Hall Keyes & Co.	100½
Can. Am. Sugar 6s, Jan., '21.	99½	Bull & Eldredge.	100½
Cuba Cane 7s, 1930.	98	T. Hall Keyes & Co.	99
Cudahy Pkg. 7s, 1923.	100		100½
Federal Sugar Ref., Jan., '24	95	Bull & Eldredge.	97
Gen. Elec. 6s, 1920.	96½	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.	100
Gruen 7s, 1920.	100	Westheimer & Co., Cin.	101
Do 7s, 1921.	100		102
Do 7s, 1922.	100		102
Do 7s, 1923.	100		103
Gulf Oil Corp. 6s, July, 1921.	97½	Bull & Eldredge.	99
Do 6s, July, 1922.	97½		99
Do 6s, July, 1923.	97½		99
Liggett & Myers 6s, 1921.	98½		98½
Peerless Tr. & Motors 6s, '25.			98
Procter & G. 7s, March, 1920.	99½	Bull & Eldredge.	100½
Do 7s, March, 1921.	100	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.	100½
Do 7s, March, 1922.	100½		101½
Do 7s, March, 1923.	101½	Bull & Eldredge.	102
Reynolds 6s, 1922.	98½	Salomon Bros. & Hutz.	98½
Swift Co. 6s, 1921.	99		99½
U. S. Rubber 7s, 1923.	101½		102½
Utah Sec. 6s, 1922.	84½	Bull & Eldredge.	86½
West Indies Sug. Flin. 7s, '29	96		99

## Stocks

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### BANKS

—Bid for—		—Offered—	
At	By	At	By
America	610	C. Gilbert.	620
American Exchange Nat.	295		304
Atlantic Nat.	215		
Battery Park	205		215
Butchers & Drovers.	35		45
Bowery	425		
Chase	430		435
Chatham & Phenix.	307	Stone, Prosser & Doty.	315
Chemical National	580	C. Gilbert	590
Chelsea Exch.	130		135
Citizens National	255		265
City National	375		385
Coal & Iron	250		
Columbia B. rights.	25	McDonnell & Co.	35
Columbia	175	C. Gilbert.	
Commerce National	227		232
Corn Exchange	455		458
Commercial Exch.	425		
Continental	120		
Cuba	175	Miller & Co.	180
East River	160	C. Gilbert	
First National	950		978
Fifth National	160		
Fifth Avenue	920		
Garfield	230		240
Harriman	375		40
Hanover	815		835
Importers & Traders.	650		700
Irving	387	Stone, Prosser & Doty	391
Liberty	395	C. Gilbert.	410
Lincoln	275		285
Manhattan	245		255
Mechanics & Metals.	445		450
Do rights			416
Mutual	475	C. Gilbert.	
National Park	745	J. U. Kirk & Co.	760
New York	455	C. Gilbert.	
New York Co. National.	125		
New Netherland.			210
Public	340	C. Gilbert.	
Seaboard	650		675
State	210		
Union Exch. Bank.	180		190
United States	190		200

## TRUST COMPANIES

Bankers	368	Holmes, Bulkley & W.	374
Brooklyn	502	J. U. Kirk & Co.	515
Central Union	410	C. Gilbert	419
Commercial	150		
Columbia	375		345
Empire	295		305

## TRUST COMPANIES—Continued

—Bid for—		—Offered—	
At	By	At	By
Equitable	282	Holmes, Bulkley & W.	286
Farmers' Loan & Trust.	430		435
Franklin	235	C. Gilbert.	245
Fulton	235		
Fidelity	230		240
Guaranty	368	Holmes, Bulkley & W.	372
Lawyers Title G. & T.	125	C. Gilbert.	130
Kings County, Brooklyn.	640		
Manufacturers	208	J. U. Kirk & Co.	
Metropolitan	295	C. Gilbert.	300
Mercantile	310		
New York	610		630
New York Life	715		735
People's (Brooklyn)	255		
U. S. Mortgage & Trust.	380		383
United States	830		860

## INSURANCE AND SURETY

American Surety	71	R. S. Dodge & Co.	77
American Alliance	200	Webb & Co.	
City of New York	150		200
Continental	73		76
Fidelity Phenix	640		670
Great Am. Ins.	252		256
Do rights	153		154
Hanover	85		
Home	540		560
National Surety	195	R. S. Dodge & Co.	205
National Liberty	175	Webb & Co.	190
Niagara	255		260
Pacific Fire Ins.	50	A. F. Ingold & Co.	65
Westchester	37	Webb & Co.	40

## PUBLIC UTILITIES

Adirondack Elec. Power.	14	H. F. McConnell & Co.	16
Do pf.	77	E. & C. Randolph.	81
American Gas & Elec. (\$50).	120	H. F. McConnell & Co.	123
Do pf.	39		40
American Light & Traction.	177		179
Do pf.	88		90
American Power & Light.	60		65
Do pf.	70		74
Am. Water Works & Elec.	2	Otto Billo.	4
Do 1st pf. 7 p. c. cum.	47		52
Do 6 p. c. participating pf.	4		7
Baton Rouge El. pf.	70	Stone & Webster.	75
Carolina P. & L.	32	MacQuoid & Coady.	36
Do pf.	92		96
Central States Electric.	8		10
Central States El. pf.	55		62
Cincinnati Gas & Electric.	71½	A. & J. Frank, Cin.	71½
Cincinnati G. Transportation	99½		103
Cities Service	363	H. L. Doherty.	366
Do pf.	69½		70
Do Bankers Shares.	39½		40
Do pf. B.	6½		7½
Columbus Elec. pf.	68	Stone & Webster.	74
Colorado Power	15	H. F. McConnell & Co.	17
Do pf.	90		95
Commonwealth P., R. & L.	17	MacQuoid & Coady.	19
Do pf.	38		40
Conn. Power pf.	80	Stone & Webster.	86
Cons. Traction (N. J.)	38	B. H. & F. W. Pelzer.	45
Eastern Texas Electric.	64	Stone & Webster.	70
Do pf.	70		76
El Paso Electric.	74		80
Federal Light & Traction.	6	MacQuoid & Coady.	8
Do pf.	43	H. F. McConnell & Co.	47
Galveston-Houston Electric.	9½	Stone & Webster.	12
Do pf.	48		54
Middle West Utilities pf.	42	A. H. Bickmore & Co.	45
Mississippi River Power.	9½	Stone & Webster.	12
Do pf.	48		51
Northern Ontario L. & P. pf.	55	H. F. McConnell & Co.	62
Northern States Power.	58	MacQuoid & Coady.	62
Do pf.	87		90
Nor. Texas Electric.	71	Stone & Webster.	76
Do pf.	65		71
Ohio Cities pf.	82½	A. & J. Frank, Cin.	83½
Ohio State Telephone.	17		18½
Ohio Traction	7		8½
Pacific Lighting Corp. com.	115	Sutro Bros. & Co.	125
Pacific Gas & Electric pf.	83	H. F. McConnell & Co.	84
Puget Sound T., L. & P.	10	Stone & Webster.	13
Do pf.	53		57
Pacific Light & Pr. pf.	95	White, Weld & Co.	100
Republic Ry. & Light.	15	H. F. McConnell & Co.	17
Do pf.	46	MacQuoid & Coady.	49
San Joaquin L. & P. com.	7	Sutro Bros. & Co.	10
Do pf.	67		72
Spring Valley Water com.	68		72
South Cal. Edison.	87	MacQuoid & Coady.	90
Do pf.	100		104
Standard Gas & Electric.	19	H. F. McConnell & Co.	21
Do pf.	38		39
Tampa Electric	102	Stone & Webster.	107½
Tenn. Ry., Light & Power.	1½	H. F. McConnell & Co.	2
Do pf.	7		8
Twin City Rapid Transit pf.	75	A. M. Kidder & Co.	85
United Light & Railways.	25	H. F. McConnell & Co.	30
Do pf.	60		62
Western Power	19	MacQuoid & Coady.	21
Do pf.	68		70
Washington Water Power.	64	White, Weld & Co.	60

## INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

Aetna Explosives pf.	65	M. Lachenbruch & Co.	
Aeolian Weber			50
Do pf.	85	J. U. Kirk & Co.	95
Amer. British Mfg.	6	A. F. Ingold & Co.	9
Amer. Cligaz	123	Holt & Co.	128
Amer. Candy	8	T. Hall Keyes.	11
Ariz. Sugar pf.	103	Webb & Co.	104½



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## INDUSTRIAL, MISCELLANEOUS—Continued

	—Bid for—		—Offered—	
	At	By	At	By
Amer. Chicle	74	J. U. Kirk & Co.	76	Williamson & Squire.
Do pf.	78	"	82	"
American Cyanamid.	25	"	30	J. U. Kirk & Co.
Do pf.	50	"	55	"
American Manufacturing.	165	Estabrook & Co.	170	Estabrook & Co.
Do pf.	87	"	90	"
Amer. Foreign Trade Rights	1/2	McDonnell & Co.	1/2	McDonnell & Co.
American Piano	70	M. Lachenbruch & Co.	75	M. Lachenbruch & Co.
Do pf.	80	J. U. Kirk & Co.	84	J. U. Kirk & Co.
Amer. Rolling Mill.	40 1/2	A. & J. Frank, Cin.	51	A. & J. Frank, Cin.
Amer. Seeding Mach. pf.	95	Westheimer & Co., Cin.	97	Westheimer & Co., Cin.
Amer. Thermos Bottle.	120	Holt & Co.	130	Holt & Co.
Amer. Stoves	118	Steinberg & Co., St. L.	125	Steinberg & Co., St. L.
Amer. Tobacco Div. scrip.	165	McDonnell & Co.	168	McDonnell & Co.
Atlas Powder	155	Williamson & Squire.	163	Williamson & Squire.
Do pf.	86	"	89	"
Amer. Typefounders pf.	86 1/2	Webb & Co.	89	Webb & Co.
Arlington Mills	150	Seasongood, H. & M.	"	"
Atlantic Fruit.	30	B. Rogert & Co.	32	B. Rogert & Co.
Atlantic Holding	80	"	95	"
Babcock & Wilcox.	117	Holt & Co.	119 1/2	J. U. Kirk & Co.
Biograph	5	"	12	"
Borden Co.	100	Williamson & Squire.	111	Williamson & Squire.
Do pf.	96	"	99	"
British Amer. Tob. Rights.	7 1/2	McDonnell & Co.	7 1/2	McDonnell & Co.
Brunswick-Balke-Collen. pf.	100	A. M. Kidder & Co.	105	A. M. Kidder & Co.
Hurroughs Adding Machine.	230	J. U. Kirk & Co.	250	M. Lachenbruch & Co.
California Packing pf.	115	Sutro Bros. & Co.	120	Sutro Bros. & Co.
Calamba Sugar Estates com.	60	"	80	"
Canada Car & Fdy.	47	A. F. Ingold & Co.	51	A. F. Ingold & Co.
Do pf.	80	"	85	"
Can. Explosives.	275	"	300	"
Do pf.	75	"	80	"
Carbon Steel common.	95	Holmes, Bulkley & W.	105	Holmes, Bulkley & W.
Do H.	70	"	76	"
Do 1st	100	"	110	"
Carib. Syndicate	130	Holt & Co.	160	Holt & Co.
Cardenas Amer. Sugar.	20	Webb & Co.	21	J. U. Kirk & Co.
Do pf.	80	"	"	"
Celuloid	145	Williamson & Squire.	155	Williamson & Squire.
Cent. Coal & Coke.	100	Steinberg & Co., St. L.	101	Steinberg & Co., St. L.
Central Aguirre Sugar.	70 1/2	Holt & Co.	80 1/2	Holt & Co.
Central Sugar	16	"	17	Webb & Co.
Do pf.	56	"	57	J. U. Kirk & Co.
Chicago Ry. Equipment.	108	Steinberg & Co., St. L.	110	Steinberg & Co., St. L.
Childs	80	Williamson & Squire.	93	Williamson & Squire.
Do pf.	96	"	99	Holt & Co.
Cole Motor.	300	E. F. Hutton & Co.	"	"
Col. Emerald	11	Holt & Co.	13	Holt & Co.
Cons. Coal	63 1/2	Steinberg & Co., St. L.	65	Steinberg & Co., St. L.
Corcoran Victor com.	12	A. & J. Frank, Cin.	14 1/2	A. & J. Frank, Cin.
Crocker Wheeler	88	J. U. Kirk & Co.	96	J. U. Kirk & Co.
Do pf.	95	"	100	"
Curtis Aero pf.	63	M. Lachenbruch & Co.	68	M. Lachenbruch & Co.
Dalton Adding Machine.	80	A. & J. Frank, Cin.	95	A. & J. Frank, Cin.
D. L. & W. Coal.	160	Williamson & Squire.	168	W. C. Orton.
Draper Corp.	144	Estabrook & Co.	147	Estabrook & Co.
Dillman Baking pf.	20	A. F. Ingold & Co.	30	A. F. Ingold & Co.
Dow Chemical.	220	J. U. Kirk & Co.	250	J. U. Kirk & Co.
Do pf.	94	"	98	"
Du Pont Powder	300	Williamson & Squire.	315	Williamson & Squire.
Do 6% pf.	90	Dominick & Dominick.	93	Dominick & Dominick.
Du Pont Chemical.	6 1/2	M. Lachenbruch & Co.	8	M. Lachenbruch & Co.
Duquesne Oil	5	T. Hall Keyes & Co.	7	T. Hall Keyes & Co.
Eastman Kodak	580	A. F. Ingold & Co.	585	A. F. Ingold & Co.
Eastman Kodak pf.	107	Stone, Prosser & Doty.	108	Stone, Prosser & Doty.
Eastern Steel	76	Glidden, Davidge & Co.	80	M. Lachenbruch & Co.
Do 1st pf.	88	"	92	Glidden, Davidge & Co.
Empire Steel & Iron.	26	"	32	"
Do pf.	60	Stone, Prosser & Doty.	71	Stone, Prosser & Doty.
Fajardo Sugar	140	Webb & Co.	142	J. U. Kirk & Co.
Federal Rubber 1st pf.	95	Estabrook & Co.	100	Estabrook & Co.
Fisk Rubber 1st pf.	95	"	100	"
Federal Sugar Ref.	105	J. U. Kirk & Co.	108	Webb & Co.
Fulton Iron Works.	67 1/2	Steinberg & Co., St. L.	68 1/2	Steinberg & Co., St. L.
Do pf.	101 1/2	"	104	"
Firestone Rubber	"	"	180	M. Lachenbruch & Co.
Do 7% pf.	98	T. H. Keyes & Co.	102	T. H. Keyes & Co.
General Baking	29	Webb & Co.	31	Webb & Co.
Do pf.	90 1/2	"	92	"
Gillette Safety Razor.	163	E. & C. Randolph.	165	E. & C. Randolph.
Do rights	6 1/2	"	6 1/2	"
General Petroleum (Cal.)	143	E. F. Hutton & Co.	145	E. F. Hutton & Co.
Do rights.	6	McDonnell & Co.	6 1/2	McDonnell & Co.
Do pf.	90	Sutro Bros. & Co.	103	Sutro Bros. & Co.
Georgia RR. & Banking.	220	A. M. Kidder & Co.	228	A. M. Kidder & Co.
Goodyear Tire & Rubber.	"	"	390	T. H. Keyes & Co.
Do pf.	97	T. H. Keyes & Co.	98	"
Guantanamo Sugar	72	Webb & Co.	73	Holt & Co.
Great West. Sugar.	100	J. U. Kirk & Co.	120	J. U. Kirk & Co.
Do pf.	114	"	117	"
Gruen Watch 1st pf.	101 1/2	Westheimer & Co., Cin.	107	Westheimer & Co., Cin.
Hercules Powder	190	Williamson & Squire.	210	Williamson & Squire.
Do pf.	100	"	104	"
Holly Sugar.	47	Holt & Co.	50	Holt & Co.
Do pf.	96	E. F. Hutton & Co.	97	Stone, Prosser & Doty.
Hocking Valley Prod.	15	Glidden, Davidge & Co.	17	Glidden, Davidge & Co.
Hooker Electro Chemical.	65	J. U. Kirk & Co.	75	J. U. Kirk & Co.
Do pf.	65	"	72	"
Humble Oil.	400	Holt & Co.	420	Holt & Co.
Imperial Oil rights.	4	McDonnell & Co.	9	McDonnell & Co.
Indian Ref. pf.	105	Holt & Co.	115	Holt & Co.
Indian Refining com.	215	"	225	"
Indiana & Illinois Coal.	6	Seasongood, H. & M.	10	Seasongood, H. & M.
Do pf.	45	"	60	"
Inter. Shoe	133	Steinberg & Co., St. L.	135	Steinberg & Co., St. L.
Do pf.	108 1/2	"	107 1/2	"
Ingersoll Rand pf.	98	Hol., Bulk. & Wardrop	102	Hol., Bulk. & Wardrop
Johnson Tin F.	110	Holt & Co.	115	Holt & Co.
K. C., Ft. Scott & Mem. pf.	32	A. M. Kidder & Co.	80	A. M. Kidder & Co.
Kaufman Dept. Stores.	68	A. F. Ingold & Co.	70	J. U. Kirk & Co.
Do pf.	93	J. U. Kirk & Co.	98	A. F. Ingold & Co.
Kirby Lumber	21	Webb & Co.	24	Webb & Co.
Do pf.	89	W. C. Orton.	92	"
Lack. R. R. (N. J.)	65	A. M. Kidder & Co.	72	A. M. Kidder & Co.

## INDUSTRIAL, MISCELLANEOUS—Continued

—Bid for—			—Offered—		
	At	By		At	By
Knox Hat com.	7	Stone, Prosser & Doty.	9	Stone, Prosser & Doty	
Do 2d pf.	22	"	24	"	
Do 1st pf.	57	"	62	"	
Libbey Owens Sheet G. com.	160	A. & J. Frank, Cin.	170	A. & J. Frank, Cin.	
Lehigh Valley Coal Sales.	86	W. C. Orton & Co.	87	M. Lachenbruch & Co.	
Lima Locomotive Co. pf.	90	A. M. Kidder & Co.	95	A. M. Kidder & Co.	
Louisiana Oil	50	Holt & Co.	60	Holt & Co.	
Lone Star Gas.	35	T. Hall Keyes & Co.	37	T. Hall Keyes & Co.	
Liggett & Myers rights.	16 1/2	McDonnell & Co.	16 1/2	McDonnell & Co.	
Madras Marble	6	A. F. Ingold & Co.	11	A. F. Ingold & Co.	
Magnolia Pet.	405	Holt & Co.	425	Holt & Co.	
Marquette Iron	8 1/2	A. F. Ingold & Co.	11 1/2	A. F. Ingold & Co.	
Matanzas Sugar	11	J. U. Kirk & Co.	15	Webb & Co.	
Do pf.	70	"	75	"	
Maryland Casualty rights.	17	McDonnell & Co.	18	McDonnell & Co.	
Maxwell Motor Div. Scrip.	91	"	96	"	
Mexican Eagle Oil.	37	Seasongood, H. & M.	43	Seasongood, H. & M.	
Merrimac Chemical	88	Estabrook & Co.	92	Estabrook & Co.	
Michigan Limestone & Chem.	21	Holt & Co.	22	J. U. Kirk & Co.	
Do pf.	22	Stone, Prosser & Doty	23	"	
Michigan Central R. R. Co.	75	A. M. Kidder & Co.	85	A. M. Kidder & Co.	
Motor Products.	50	A. F. Ingold & Co.	55	A. F. Ingold & Co.	
Midland Securities	135	Holt & Co.	155	Holt & Co.	
Minute Tapioca 1st pf.	98	Estabrook & Co.	101	Estabrook & Co.	
National Casket rights.	1 1/2	McDonnell & Co.	3	McDonnell & Co.	
Nat. Fuel Gas.	110	Holt & Co.	150	Holt & Co.	
National Candy	147	Steinberg & Co., St. L.	149	Steinberg & Co., St. L.	
Do 1st pf.	104	"	107	"	
Do 2d pf.	105	"	108	"	
Nashua Paper 1st pf., 1920.	98	Estabrook & Co.	101	Estabrook & Co.	
Nat. Motor	20	R. S. Dodge & Co.	24	R. S. Dodge & Co.	
National Sugar Ref.	140	Holt & Co.	143	Holt & Co.	
New Niquero Sugar.	250	J. U. Kirk & Co.	325	J. U. Kirk & Co.	
New Mexico & Arizona Land	2 1/2	W. C. Orton.	3	W. C. Orton.	
New England Fuel Oil.	60	Holt & Co.	70	Holt & Co.	
New Jersey Zinc.	285	J. U. Kirk & Co.	290	Williamson & Squire.	
New York & Honduras Min.	13	J. M. Leopold & Co.	15	J. M. Leopold & Co.	
N. Y. Lack. & Western.	83	A. M. Kidder & Co.	92	A. M. Kidder & Co.	
Niles Cement Pond.	104	R. S. Dodge & Co.	108	R. S. Dodge & Co.	
Northwestern Leather 1st pf	99	Estabrook & Co.	101	Estabrook & Co.	
Norton Co. 1st pf.	101	"	104 1/2	"	
Okla. Producing & Ref. scrip	4	McDonnell & Co.	6	McDonnell & Co.	
Packard Motor, new.	23	M. Lachenbruch & Co.	24	M. Lachenbruch & Co.	
Do pf.	94 1/2	"	95 1/2	"	
Paragon Refining	26 1/2	A. & J. Frank, Cin.	27 1/2	A. & J. Frank, Cin.	
Peerless Truck & Motor.	41	M. Lachenbruch & Co.	42 1/2	M. Lachenbruch & Co.	
Penn. Coal & Coke.	29	"	32	"	
Pitts., Ft. Wayne & Chi. pf.	120	A. M. Kidder & Co.	125	A. M. Kidder & Co.	
Proct. & Gamble 5 per cent. pf	101 1/2	A. & J. Frank, Cin.	101 1/2	A. & J. Frank, Cin.	
Do new	138	Westheimer & Co., Cin.	139	Westheimer & Co., Cin.	
Porto-Rican Am. Tob. scrip.	101	McDonnell & Co.	108	McDonnell & Co.	
Premier Motor common.	9	A. & J. Frank, Cin.	12 1/2	A. & J. Frank, Cin.	
Pyrene	10 1/2	R. S. Dodge & Co.	13	R. S. Dodge & Co.	
rt. J. Reynolds, Class A.	520	Dominick & Dominick.	550	Holt & Co.	
Do 1st pf.	105	"	106	Stone, Prosser & Doty	
Do Class B.	510	Stone, Prosser & Doty	523	"	
Do scrip	98	Dominick & Dominick.	102	Dominick & Dominick.	
Rice, Stix Dry Goods.	325	Steinberg & Co., St. L.	400	Steinberg & Co., St. L.	
Do 1st pf.	107	"	108	"	
Do 2d pf.	100 1/2	"	101 1/2	Stix & Co., St. L.	
Root & Van Dervoort.	44	T. H. Keyes & Co.	46	T. H. Keyes & Co.	
Rolls Royce pf.	87	M. Lachenbruch & Co.	92	M. Lachenbruch & Co.	
Royal Baking Powder.	135	A. R. Clark & Co.	140	Williamson & Squire.	
Do pf.	87	Williamson & Squire.	88	Stone, Prosser & Doty.	
Safety Car Heating & Ltg.	58	Stone, Prosser & Doty.	59 1/2	"	
St. Louis, Rocky Mt. & Pac.	37 1/2	Steinberg & Co., St. L.	41 1/2	Steinberg & Co., St. L.	
Santa Cecilia Sugar.	75	Webb & Co.	76	Webb & Co.	
Do pf.	75	"	77	J. U. Kirk & Co.	
Savannah Sugar	37 1/2	Holt & Co.	39	M. Lachenbruch & Co.	
Do pf.	87	Webb & Co.	88 1/2	Holt & Co.	
Sharon Ry. Co.	35	A. M. Kidder & Co.	45	A. M. Kidder & Co.	
Singer Manufacturing.	148	J. U. Kirk & Co.	151	J. U. Kirk & Co.	
So. Acid & Sulphur.	107 1/2	Steinberg & Co., St. L.	100	Steinberg & Co., St. L.	
Standard Oil of Ohio rights.	6	McDonnell & Co.	7	McDonnell & Co.	
Standard Parts.	37	T. H. Keyes & Co.	40	T. H. Keyes & Co.	
Steel & Tube pf.	80	S. Goldschmidt	85	S. Goldschmidt.	
Stern Bros. pf.	100	J. U. Kirk & Co.	102	"	
Stollwerck Chocolate 1st pf.	102	Estabrook & Co.	105	Estabrook & Co.	
Texas-Pac. Coal & Oil Co.	95	A. R. Clark & Co.	100	A. R. Clark & Co.	
Times Square Auto Supply.	24	J. U. Kirk & Co.	27	J. U. Kirk & Co.	
Tobacco Products Rights.	1/2	McDonnell & Co.	1/2	McDonnell & Co.	
Do Div. Scrip.	98	"	101	"	
Travelers Ins. Rights.	123	"	128	"	
Trenton Potteries Co. pf.	54	A. M. Kidder & Co.	64	A. M. Kidder & Co.	
Universal Leaf Tobacco.	130	Dominick & Dominick.	200	Dominick & Dominick.	
Do pf.	105	"	108	"	
Union Oil (Cal.)	173	E. F. Hutton & Co.	175	E. F. Hutton & Co.	
U. S. Playing Card.	225	A. & J. Frank, Cin.	250	A. & J. Frank, Cin.	
U. S. Printing & Litho.	28	"	30	"	
Do 1st pf.	104	"	108	"	
Do 2d pf.	44 1/2	"	50	"	
U. S. Rubber Co. Scrip.	98	McDonnell & Co.	100	McDonnell & Co.	
Union Tank Rights.	1/4	"	1	"	
Union Ferry	34	Williamson & Squire.	39	Williamson & Squire.	
U. S. Finishing	100	M. Lachenbruch & Co.	115	M. Lachenbruch & Co.	
Utica, Chenango & Sus. Val.	100	A. M. Kidder & Co.	115	A. M. Kidder & Co.	
Utah Idaho Sugar.	9 1/2	E. F. Hutton & Co.	9 1/2	E. F. Hutton & Co.	
Valvoline Oil pf.	102	Estabrook & Co.	104	Estabrook & Co.	
Vandalla Coal pf.	11	J. M. Leopold & Co.	15	J. M. Leopold & Co.	
Wagner Elec. Mfg.	158	Steinberg & Co., St. L.	161	Steinberg & Co., St. L.	
Western Cartridge	220	"	240	"	
Ward Baking	42	Webb & Co.	44 1/2	Stone, Prosser & Doty	
Do pf.	95	"	96	Webb & Co.	
Waitt & Bond 1st pf.	100	Estabrook & Co.	103	Estabrook & Co.	
Warren (S. D.) pr. pf.	100	"	103 1/2	"	
Wayne Coal	3 1/2	J. M. Leopold & Co.	4 1/2	J. M. Leopold & Co.	
Warren Bros.	55	T. H. Keyes & Co.	70	T. H. Keyes & Co.	
West Maryland 1st pf.	28	W. C. Orton.	33	W. C. Orton.	
Westhouse, Church & K.	46	M. Lachenbruch & Co.	56	M. Lachenbruch & Co.	
Do pf.	76	"	86	"	
White Rock Mineral Water.	4	T. H. Keyes & Co.	6	T. H. Keyes & Co.	
Wheeling & L. E. p. l. pf.	100	J. U. Kirk & Co.	60	W. C. Orton.	
Wire Wheel of America.	10 1/2	J. U. Kirk & Co.	11	J. U. Kirk & Co.	
Do pf.	86 1/2	"	87 1/2	"	
Wright Aeronautical	4 1/2	Seasongood, H. & M.	4 1/2	Seasongood, H. & M.	
Wurlitzer pf.	100	Westheimer & Co., Cin.	105	Westheimer & Co., Cin.	
Yale & Towne.	290	Stone, Prosser & Doty.	270	Stone, Prosser & Doty.	



## Offerings of Stocks and Bonds for the Week

**Essex County, N. J.**, \$1,000,000 tax anticipation bonds, due Dec. 30, 1920, in denominations of \$25,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000. Offered by J. S. Rippey & Co. of Newark, N. J., to yield 5 1/2 per cent.

**Howard Smith Paper Mills, Ltd.**, \$1,500,000 9 per cent. cumulative preferred stock participating with the common stock in dividends up to 10 per cent. (par value \$100). The company is the largest manufacturer of high-grade bond and ledger writing paper in Canada. Assets amounting to \$250 a share for the preferred stock are shown and earnings for the last three years have averaged more than twice the preferred dividend requirements. The above issue of \$1,500,000 is to be exchanged for a like amount of preferred stock now outstanding. The balance, \$1,025,000, issued for the purpose of acquiring the entire capital stock of the Toronto Paper Manufacturing Company, Ltd. Offered at 105 Montreal funds by Nesbitt, Thompson & Co. and Greenfields & Co.

**Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul**, \$50,000,000 4 1/2 per cent. bonds, due Jan. 1, 1921, to 1928, inclusive, and free from Pennsylvania State tax, Michigan taxes to be refunded. After the present financing the capitalization of the company will be \$4,000,000 in common (the present issue), \$5,000,000 in preferred

stock, cumulative sinking fund preferred stock and \$100,000 shares of common stock without nominal or par value. The company proposes to acquire three factories having a capacity of 11,000,000 square feet of plate glass annually. The Fisher Body Corporation will make a cash investment of more than \$1,000,000 in the preferred and all of the common stock of the National Plate Glass Company, and will enter into a ten-year contract to pay annually to the company sufficient compensation to provide minimum net earnings after Federal taxes, equal to maturing instalments of and accruing interest on these notes and in addition securing dividend and sinking fund requirements of the preferred stock. The consolidated earnings before depreciation of the companies to be taken over are reported to have averaged in the last four years more than three and three-quarter times the total interest requirements. Offered when, as and if issued to yield over 7 per cent. for any maturity, by Frazier & Co., Montgomery & Co., C. O. & Co. of Cleveland, and The Illinois Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago.

**City of Winston-Salem, N. C.**, \$200,000 6 per cent. improvement bonds, dated Feb. 1 and due serially from Feb. 1, 1921 to 1930, inclusive. Principal and interest are payable in New York City and the issue is exempt from Federal income taxes. Winston-Salem is one of the most important industrial and commercial cities in the South.

It has been conservatively financed and the net indebtedness is less than 6 1/2 per cent. of the assessed valuation of property. Actual value of taxable property is set down at \$83,000,000. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co. at prices to yield 5 1/2 per cent.

**Seattle, Washington**, \$35,000 4 1/2 per cent. bonds, due 1925, offered by Blodgett & Company to yield 5 per cent.

**Central Pacific**, \$45,000 first and refunding 4 per cent. bonds, due 1945, at 71 and interest, to yield about 6 1/2 per cent., and \$25,000 4 1/2 per cent. bonds, due 1925, at 77 and interest, to yield about 6 per cent. Both offered by R. W. Pressprich & Co.

**Government of France** 5 per cent. redemption bonds, direct obligation of the French Republic. It is issued in francs, and may be purchased in dollars at rate of exchange fixed each day. At present exchange rates a 1,000-franc bond will bring 143 francs per dollar. The bonds will be paid through semi-annual drawings or through call at the rate of 1.50 francs for each 1,000-franc bond. The bonds are in denominations of 1,000, 2,000, 5,000 and 10,000 francs, and are exempt from all French taxes. Subscriptions are being received by the Guaranty Trust Company on behalf of the French Government on and after Feb. 19 to March 20 unless

the books are closed earlier, at 1,000 francs per 1,000-franc bond.

**The Jefferson Forge Products Company**, \$700,000 first mortgage 6 per cent. guaranteed bonds, dated Feb. 2, 1920, and due serially Feb. 2, 1922 to 1926, inclusive. The issue is secured by a first closed mortgage covering the entire assets of the company having a value of more than \$2,500,000. The company produces materials essential to the automotive industry and prompt and punctual payment upon demand of both principal and interest when due or declared due is guaranteed by Russell A. Alger and Frederick M. Alger and their estates. Offered at prices to yield 6 1/2 per cent. by the Union Trust Company of Detroit, Nicol, Ford & Co., Inc., and Watling, Lerchen & Co., also of Detroit.

**Secor, Bell & Beckwith** announce that the National Supply Company will issue and sell \$1,540,000 in par value out of the company's authorized common stock. The right to subscribe for this stock will be offered to stockholders of record of Friday, Feb. 20, 1920, to the extent of 20 per cent. of their holdings. Subscription price will be par-\$100. Fractional warrants, unless exercising 1 share or more, will not be accepted for stock. Right expires and payment must be made in full on or before March 22, 1920, at 3 P. M., at agent of company, Bankers Trust Co., 14 Wall Street, New York.

## Transactions on Out-of-Town Markets

## BOSTON

STOCKS				
Sales	High	Low	Last	Net Change
800 Adventure	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	0
414 Ahmose	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	0
110 Alouze	34	33	34	-1
5 Am. Zinc	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	0
40 Anacosta	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	0
2,450 Ariz. Com'l.	12 1/2	11 1/2	12 1/2	0
2,285 Big Heart	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	0
100 Butte & Bal.	30	30	30	0
20 Butte & Sup.	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	0
495 Cal. & Ariz.	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	0
124 Cal. & Hecla	37 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	0
13,480 Carson Hill	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	0
75 Centennial	13	13	13	0
35 Chino Copper	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	0
10 Chile Copper	17	17	17	0
257 Copper Range	44	44	44	0
405 Daily West	4	4	4	0
3,100 Davis-Daly	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	0
1,095 East Butte	13 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2	0
210 Franklin	3 1/2	3	3 1/2	0
10 Greene Can.	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	0
115 Hancock	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	0
140 Helvetia	3	2 1/2	3	0
545 Island Creek	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	0
3 Int. Creek pf.	80	80	80	0
1,220 Isle Royale	32 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2	0
100 Ins. Copper	4	4	4	0
405 Kerr Lake	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	0
150 Keweenaw	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	0
200 Lake Copper	4	3 1/2	4	0
250 La Sables	4	3 1/2	4	0
300 Mason Valley	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	0
168 Mass. Con.	5 1/2	4	5 1/2	0
3,030 M'flower O.C.	9 1/2	8	9 1/2	0
312 Mohawk	65	60	64	0
1,325 New Cornelia	3	3	3	0
1,040 New Cornelia	21	19 1/2	20 1/2	0
35 New Idria	6	5 1/2	5 1/2	0
2 New River pf.	79	79	79	0
685 Nipissing	10 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2	0
2,542 North Butte	2	1 1/2	1 1/2	0
15 Ojibway	2	1 1/2	1 1/2	0
137 Old Dominion	32 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2	0
45 Osceola	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	0
205 Fund Creek	20	18 1/2	19	0
175 Quincy	80	80	80	0
2,045 Seneca	13 1/2	13	13 1/2	0
260 Shannon	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	0
50 St. Mary's Ld.	49	49	49	0
450 Super. Copper	5 1/2	5	5 1/2	0
3,695 Super. & Bond	3	3	3	0
235 Trinity	2	1 1/2	1 1/2	0
1,900 Tuolumne	15	15	15	0
411 U. S. Smelt.	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	0
437 U. S. Sm. pf.	47	47	47	0
450 Utah Apex	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	0
450 Utah Apex	9 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/2	0
2,505 Utah Metals	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	0
50 Victoria	3	3	3	0
100 Winona	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	0
36 Wolverine	20	17	20	0

## RAILROADS.

Sales	High	Low	Last	Net Change
333 Bos. & Alb.	124	119	124	0
297 Bos. Elevated	64	61 1/2	64	0
82 Bos. Elev. pf.	85	80	84	0
3,957 Bos. & Me.	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	0
186 B. & M. pf. A	60	60	60	0
65 B. & M. pf. B	72	70	72	0
8 Eps. & Prov.	135	135	135	0
50 B. & Wor. pf.	10	10	10	0
10 Chi. June. pf.	85	85	85	0
4 Maine Cent.	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	0
775 Mass. Elec.	5	4	5	0
1,580 Mass. Elec. pf.	12 1/2	10	12 1/2	0
2,580 N.Y. & H. & H.	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	0
10 Old Colony	80	80	80	0
1,174 Rutland	25	16	25 1/2	0
20 Ver. & Mass.	86	86	86	0
65 West End	44	42	42 1/2	0
18 West End pf.	53 1/2	53	53	0

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Sales	High	Low	Last	Net Change
38 Am. Ag. Ch.	89 1/2	87	89 1/2	0
130 Am. A. C. pf.	93 1/2	91 1/2	93 1/2	0
610 Am. Oil & E.	24	24	24	0
250 Am. P. Serv.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	0
36 Am. P. S. pf.	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	0
10 Am. Sugar	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	0
217 Am. Sug. pf.	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	0
2,220 Am. T. & S.	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	0
10 Am. Wool	120	120	120	0
153 Am. Wool. pf.	103 1/2	102	103 1/2	0
214 Amoskeag	141	140	141	0
163 Amoskeag pf.	82	81	82	0
65 Anglo-Am	15	15	15	0
49 Art Metal	27	27	27	0
765 Bos. Mex. Pet.	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	0
65 Cent. Steel	5	5	5	0
814 Clin. W. Wire	20	20	20	0
1,030 Eastern Mfg.	31 1/2	29 1/2	31 1/2	0
1,070 Eastern SS.	21	19 1/2	21	0
10 East. SS. pf.	70	70	70	0
400 E. Bos. Land	5	5	5	0
197 Edison Elec.	137	140 1/2	137	0
2,927 Elder Corp.	31	29 1/2	30 1/2	0
112 Gen. Elec.	150 1/2	150 1/2	150 1/2	0
1,765 Gray & Davis	35 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/2	0
126 Int. Cot. Mills	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	0
24 Int. Cot. M. pf.	93	92 1/2	93	0
527 Int. Products	29	28 1/2	29	0
1 Int. Prod. pf.	74	74	74	0
345 Int. P. Com'l.	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	0
235 Island Oil	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	0
105 Libby	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	0
15 Loew's Theat.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	0
311 Mass. Gas	72	70	72	0
106 Mass. Gas pf.	60	60	60	0
48 Math. Alkali	30 1/2	30	30 1/2	0
192 McEwain pf.	98 1/2	97 1/2	98 1/2	0
2 Merckhaier	131	131	131	0
1,792 Mex. Invest.	44 1/2	38 1/2	42	0
10 Mullins Body	41	41	41	0
38 Miss. R. P. pf.	51	51	51	0
1,068 Nat. Leather	14 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	0
175 N. E. Tel.	87	87	87	0
893 Ohio Body	30 1/2	29	30 1/2	0
25 Pacific Mills	168	168	168	0
325 Parrish & B.	41	37	40 1/2	0
145 P. A. Sugar	82	81 1/2	82	0
30 Pullman	115	112	115	0

STOCKS				
Sales	High	Low	Last	Net Change
3,200 Root & Van.	47 1/2	44	47 1/2	0
100 Reece B'hole	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	0
408 Shawmut	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	0
635 Simms	14 1/2	14	14 1/2	0
971 Stewart Mfg.	45	40	45 1/2	0
926 Swift & Co.	121	119 1/2	120	0
619 Swift Int'l	145	145	145	0
10 Torrington	68 1/2	68	68 1/2	0
258 United Drug	135	128	135	0
265 U. D. Ist pf.	50 1/2	49 1/2	50	0
185 U. S. Steel	186	182	185	0
217 U. S. Steel	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2	0
196 U. S. Steel pf.	20	20	20	0
50 U. S. Steel	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	0
4,800 Ventura Oil	15 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	0
5,275 Valdorf	19	17	19	0
189 W. worth Mfg.	24 1/2	23 1/2	24	0
822 Walth. Watch	40	37	37	0
5 Walth. W. pf.	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	0
35 War. B. Ist pf.	60	60	60	0

BONDS				
Sales	High	Low	Last	Net Change
3,000 Alaska 6s. A.	14 1/4	14	14 1/4	0
5,000 A. G. & W. L. 5 1/2	77 1/2	75 1/2	77 1/2	0
16,000 Carson H. 7s. 112	101	110	110	0
5,000 C. C. M. & S. 5s	68	68	68	0
2,000 C. M. S. 7s	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	0
7,000 N. E. Tel. 5s	83	83	83	0
10,000 Pond Creek 6s	92 1/2	92	92 1/2	0
3,000 Swift & Co. 5s	89 1/2	89	89 1/2	0
9,000 West. Tel. 5s	80	79 1/2	80	0

BONDS				
Sales	High	Low	Last	Net Change
10,000 City 5 1/2s	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	0
8,000 Con. Coal 6s	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	0
4,000 Con. Coal 5s	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	0
4,000 Con. Gas 5 1/2s	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	0
3,000 Con. Pow. 7s	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	0
6,000 Con. Pow. 6s	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	0
7,000 Con. Pow. 7s	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	0
20,000 Con. Pow. 6s	80	80	80	0
1,000 Con. Chem. 6s	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	0
14,000 U. Rys. Ist 4s	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	0
30,000 U. Rys. Inc. 4 1/2s	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2	0

## BALTIMORE

STOCKS				
Sales	High	Low	Last	Net Change
413 All. Ins. war.	4%	3%	6	+
752 Am. Gas.	56 1/2	56	55	+ 6
455 Am. Ry. pf.	40	39	39	0
1,252 Am. Ry. pref.	42 1/2	40	41 1/4	+ 1 3/4
50 Am. T. & T.	97 1/2	97	97 1/2	0
20 Baldwin Loco.	112	112	112	0
40 Bal. Loc. pf.	99 1/4	99 1/4	99	- 1/4
340 Bell (T. G.).	100	100	100	0
13 Bk. of So. S.	135	135	135	0
1 Cata. Int. pf.	40	40	40	0
100 C. R. I. & P.	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	0
50 Con. Trac. N. J.	40	40	40	0
405 Elec. St. Bat.	114	113	113	- 1
110 Hunt & R. T. pf.	13	13	13	0
31 Ins. of N. A.	32 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	- 2 1/2
949 I. of N. A. war	11	9 1/2	9 1/2	- 1 1/2
311 Keystone Tel.	11 1/4	10 1/4	11	+ 1
374 Lake Superior	18	16	17 1/2	+ 1 1/2
105 Hunt & R. T. pf.	22 1/2	21 1/4	21 1/4	- 1 1/4
465 Lehigh Val.	45	43 1/2	45	+ 1 1/2
10 Midvale	46 1/2	46 1/4	46 1/4	- 1/4
100 Pere Mar.	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	0
745 Ph. R. R.	43	41	43	+ 2 1/4
74 Ph. Salt.	31	30	30 1/2	+ 1/2
907 Ph. Co. pf.	33	32	32 1/2	+ 1/2
755 Phila. Elec.	25 1/4	24 1/2	24 1/2	- 1/4
356 Phila. R. T.	23 1/4	22 1/2	23 1/2	+ 1/2
333 Phila. Trac.	61	60	60 1/2	+ 1/2
144 Reading	70	70	70	0
20 St. & F.	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	0
450 Tono. Belmont	3	2 1/2	3	+ 1/2
500 Tono. Mining.	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	0
100 Un. Traction.	36	34	36	+ 1 1/2
800 Un. Gas Imp.	53	53	53 1/2	+ 1/2
20 Un. Steel	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2	0
70 War. I. & S.	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	0
2 W. J. & S. S.	37	36	37	+ 1/2
56 Westm. Con.	73	72	73	+ 1
2 W. York Elec.	51	51	51	+ 1 1/2
95 York	10	10	10	0
115 York Ry. pf.	31 1/4	31	31	- 1/4



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## Money

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steady decline in loans made by member banks to their clients, the member banks' borrowing account has been mounting. On Saturday it was a little higher than it was on Jan. 3, but the low point for the Reserve Bank did not occur on that date, but two weeks later. The increase in borrowings, then, by the member banks has amounted to \$111,000,000 since Jan. 16, the low point for the year, and in substantially the same time their loans on acceptances, bills payable, open account, &c., have gone up \$107,000,000. There is the offset. The loans they could not rediscount have been reduced. Those they could rediscount have been increased. That, together with the great loss of Government money, around which the whole local loan structure has been built, tells the story of what has been going.

It is, in all probability, partly the fault of local bankers that the present situation has been created. But it is much more the fault of the Government's fiscal officers and the officials of the Reserve system. A distinguished observer said weeks ago that if the Reserve authorities would display courage the situation could be saved. That is as true now as it was then. There was no hesitancy in applying brakes to the stock market last November, and while the market suffered for a little while, nobody will deny that it benefited subsequently and is a good deal more healthy now because of its "disciplining." The question naturally may be asked, then, as it is being asked and has been for some time, why equally heroic efforts are not taken with regard to the so-called commercial borrowing? If it is good for one it ought to be good for the other.

The money market presented about as calm a front during the entire week as it would be possible to imagine. Call money opened and renewed at 7 per cent. on Monday, but five minutes after the renewal rate was posted loans could be had at 6 per cent., and from then on throughout the rest of the week that was the only rate quoted. The reason for this unusual stability is the accumulation of considerable sums by corporations in antici-

pation of next month's tax payments. Until those payments are made it is probable that money will continue cheap. Time money also eased a little last week, especially for the shorter periods of thirty days or less, and this, too, was due to the influx of corporation funds.

## Foreign Exchange

UNTIL the last day of the week the foreign exchange market was firm, and at times it was strong. Sterling, opening at \$3.35½ on Monday, rose steadily until Friday, when it touched \$3.47½, but on Saturday it fell back to \$3.40, and closed at \$3.40½. Francs performed in the same way, going from an opening price of 14.32 to 13.22 on Friday and then reacted to 13.74 on the last day. And so on throughout the European belligerent list.

In the middle of the week there were reports circulated that efforts were being made to stabilize sterling, and it was said that the British Government would probably ship here some large amounts of gold. The story gained in favor as sterling continued to rise, and the bears of the past month, or at least many of them, turned bullish on the strength of it. In all probability they will profit by their switch, for it looks now as if the worst were over. At the same time it is extremely doubtful if anything will or could be done to stabilize the market. The trouble with the foreign exchange market is not in that market at all, but is in the currency inflation of the foreign countries affected, and until that situation is corrected there can be little real improvement in the exchanges. Such artificial improvement as might be induced by Government stimulation would only redound to the future discomfiture of the Governments which attempted it, just as it has because of the "pegging" of the war years.

However, whether sterling breaks below its present low record of \$3.19, or remains around its present level, there is not likely to be another "exchange panic." There may be disturbances in other quarters—such as a credit stringency here which would have far-reaching influences—and these may be communicated to the exchanges, but such performances as we had in the first two weeks of last December, and again in the first

week of February, are likely to be things of the past.

There are too many ways in which they may be prevented. Everybody seems convinced now that England, and more particularly France and Italy, have learned their lesson and are getting down to work. They have at last given concrete evidence of it, and in the future there is not apt to be the wholesale throwing over of bills for whatever they will bring. That alone is a wholesome condition and probably will make for more stability.

Another thing to be considered in regard to the exchange market is the approaching maturity of the \$500,000,000 Anglo-French loan, which falls due Oct. 15 next. Best opinion in banking circles is that about half of that operation will be accomplished with cash and the other half refunded. If that is to be the program, then the two great European countries are going to see to it that no outside or psychological influences hurt their exchanges. And for two reasons. In the first place, they will have to remit here a good deal of money, in dollars, and the better the exchange market the less it will cost them to do this. In the second place, the American investment public will be much more apt to purchase liberally of the refunding securities if exchange conditions are favorable than if they are unfavorable. So, for these two reasons it is probable that England and France will do all in their power to bolster up their international credit, the plain measure of which is the foreign exchange market.

The continued outgo of gold to South America is attracting attention—and causing some worry. Last week about \$11,000,000 went out, and this coming week it is reported that about \$14,000,000 more will go. If this latter is so, the movement to South America, principally to the Argentine, since the first of the year will total about \$60,000,000, and that is more gold than we can afford to lose just at this time, with the Reserve Bank ratios of reserve falling so rapidly. Just what this South American movement is is not clear. Some bankers believe it is part of a three-cornered operation, engineered from London, and designed to liquidate British debts in South America. Others think it is simply an ordinary exchange operation, made possible because of the discount on dollars in the Argentine which has arisen out of the heavy imports of Argentine wool.

## Dividends Declared and Awaiting Payment

STEAM RAILROADS.				STREET RAILWAYS.			
Company.	Rate.	Pay- able.	Books Close.	Company.	Rate.	Pay- able.	Books Close.
A. T. & S. F. 1½	Q	Mar. 1	Jan. 30	Cent. Ark. Ry.	Q	Mar. 1	*Feb. 14
Balt. & O. pf. 2	S	Mar. 1	*Jan. 17	& L. pf. 1½	Q	Mar. 1	*Feb. 14
Can. Pacific 2½	Q	Apr. 1	Mar. 1	Detroit United 2	Q	Mar. 1	*Feb. 14
Cin. Northern 3	—	Mar. 1	Feb. 20	Det. United Ry. 2	Q	Mar. 1	*Feb. 14
Cin. N. O. & T.	Q	Mar. 1	Feb. 20	N. Texas Elec. 2	Q	Mar. 1	*Feb. 14
Del. & Hudson 2½	Q	Mar. 20	Feb. 28	Do pf. 3	S	Mar. 1	*Feb. 14
Ill. Central 1½	Q	Mar. 1	*Feb. 6	Phila. Co. 5% pf. 2½	S	Mar. 1	*Feb. 14
Kokuk & D. M. 2	Q	Mar. 10	*Feb. 25	P. W. Penn. R. pf. 1½	Q	Mar. 15	Mar. 1
Norfolk & West. 1½	Q	Mar. 23	Feb. 10				
Northern Penn. 3½	Q	Feb. 23	Feb. 10				
Pennsylvania 7½	Q	Feb. 28	Feb. 2				
Phila. G. & N. 1½	Q	Mar. 4	Feb. 20				
P. Y. & A. pf. 1½	Q	Mar. 1	*Feb. 20				
Reading 2d pf. 50c	Q	Apr. 8	*Mar. 23				
Reading 1st pf. 50c	Q	Apr. 11	*Mar. 23				
Southern Pac. 1½	Q	Apr. 1	Mar. 13				
Union Pacific 2½	Q	Apr. 1	Mar. 13				
Do pf. 2	S	Apr. 1	Mar. 13				
INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.							
Acme Tea 1½	Q	Mar. 1	Feb. 10				
Alaska Packers 2	Q	Apr. 22	.....				
Alaska Packers 2	Ex.	Apr. 22	.....				
Alaska Packers 120	Ex.	Apr. 22	.....				
Am. Bosch Mag. 2½	Q	Apr. 1	Mar. 15				
Am. Chiclé pf. 1½	Q	Apr. 1	Mar. 20				
Am. Cotton Oil 1	Q	Mar. 1	Feb. 14				
Am. Express 1½	Q	Apr. 1	Feb. 21				
Am. Hide & L.	Q	Apr. 1	Mar. 1				
Am. Int. com.	Q	Apr. 1	Mar. 1				
Am. Gas 1	Q	Mar. 1	Feb. 21				
Am. Int. com.	Q	Mar. 31	Mar. 16				
Am. Laun. M. 1	Q	Mar. 1	Feb. 20				
Am. Mfg. 1½	Q	Mar. 31	Mar. 15				
Am. Mfg. 5	Ex.	Mar. 31	Mar. 15				
Do pf. 1½	Q	Mar. 31	Mar. 15				
Am. Multigraph 2	Q	Mar. 1	Feb. 20				
Am. Multigraph 1	Ex.	Mar. 1	Feb. 20				
Am. Fr. & L. 1	Q	Mar. 1	Feb. 14				
Am. Smelt. & R. 1	Q	Mar. 15	Feb. 27				
Do pf. 1½	Q	Mar. 1	Feb. 13				
Am. Stores 1st	Q	Apr. 1	Mar. 20				
2d pf. 1½	Q	Apr. 1	Mar. 20				
Am. Radiator 3	Q	Mar. 31	Mar. 22				
Am. Radiator 4	Ex.	Mar. 31	Mar. 22				
Do pf. 1½	Q	Mar. 1	*Feb. 14				
Am. Sugar 1½	Q	Apr. 2	Mar. 1				
Am. Sugar 1½	Ex.	Apr. 2	Mar. 1				
Do pf. 1½	Q	Apr. 2	Mar. 1				
Am. Tel. & C. 1½	Q	Mar. 1	.....				
Am. Tel. & C. 1½	Q	Apr. 15	Mar. 19				
Am. Tob. Co. 1½	Q	Mar. 1	Feb. 14				
Do pf. 1½	Q	Mar. 1	*Feb. 14				
Am. W. G. M. pf. 3½	—	Mar. 1	Feb. 20				
Am. D. G. 1st pf. 1½	Q	Mar. 1	Feb. 9				
Do 2d pf. 1½	Q	Mar. 1	Feb. 9				
Atlantic Ref. 5	Q	Mar. 15	Feb. 21				
Atlas Powder 3	Q	Mar. 10	Feb. 28				
Beth. Steel. A	Q	Apr. 1	*Mar. 16				
Do B	Q	Apr. 1	*Mar. 16				
Do 5% pf. 2	Q	Apr. 1	*Mar. 16				



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and a syndicate of bankers for the advance of funds necessary for the purchase of 20,000 bales of American cotton each month, it is reported here. Half of the manufactured product will be for export, so that credits for future purchases may be established.

### PROGRESS OF THE BARTER IDEA

Is it not clear that export of our cotton finances itself, the bankers merely acting as intermediaries? The fibre could not be imported if the cloth made from it were not exported. No gold would be necessary if the new country had anything else that the world wanted, and there is no country worth considering in absolute poverty of natural resources. Or, if there are many, the case is such that there is an appeal rather to humanity for assisting its trade with credit than for stimulating construction of credit with reaction among ourselves.

A day or two earlier THE TIMES had this special from The Hague:

Holland's activity along economic and financial lines in the effort for reconstruction has produced a new scheme to counteract the exchange problem with its disastrous effect on export and import in the shape of an international goods clearing house of organized barter for States whose currency can no longer be accepted as a medium of payment.

That shows progress with the barter idea, but is capable of betterment. Credit can take straight lines to and from an international clearing house, but goods cannot. If the goods were sent to a clearing house after clearance they would have to take a fresh start on a new leg of the triangle which is so confusing in international exchanges even when conducted with the free use of gold. If there were an international clearance of credit the nations could deal with each other directly instead of paying each other with debits and credits sent around the world as they used to be sent throughout this continent before the Federal Reserve found a better way by the establishment of its gold clearance fund.

Credits can be balanced by telegraph as goods cannot, and it can be done between nations as well as between States. It can be done under compulsion without the use of gold if the books are kept in the same unit and balanced by guaranteed credits. That is not approved finance. It may even be a counsel of desperation. That it is stirring among those suffering more from lack of goods and services than we from inflation appears from a cable from Berlin in saying that Germany is proposing to make the mark equal to 25 cents by keeping all accounts on that basis. Germany could not do that with the use of gold, but it is not impossible by the barter of goods if the world will help itself by helping Germany to pay its debts.

An echo of this came from Washington last week in this telegram:

Government trade agencies have been informed of a proposal set on foot by the German textile industry for supplying Germany with cotton, need of which is so desperate that serious internal troubles are threatened. The scheme provides for shipment of cotton to Germany by American firms, which would retain title to it through trade receipts until the product shall have been manufactured, sold and the money received from the sales deposited in German banks. Cotton dealers in the United States are considering the suggestions. The German end of the project is fully organized.

If not exactly barter that at least is trade with a minimum use of money, which in that method shrinks to a method of keeping accounts.

### THE SIGNIFICANCE HERE

These actual foreign instances are of immediate domestic significance. They bear directly upon the alternatives of deflation by artificial restriction of credit or by such assistance to trade, both domestic and foreign, that the desired end—the restoration of normal relations between the supply and demand of goods and services—may be reached by stimulation of production and distribution.

This must be distinguished from loans between Governments which are stubborn in their practice of inflation by the printing press and by borrowing to spend. They could be helped on that course only by the United States, and only with the result of entangling us in their ruin, as Secretary Glass pointed out. There can be no international clearing house for that sort of money or credit. They are beyond redemption, now or hereafter, as were our Continental or Confederate currencies.

But there can be no inflation in barter and there must be profit in it or it would stop of itself. The alternative is indicated in the headlines last week.

Samples are, "Big Export Slump Sends Ships Away Without Cargoes" and "Prices of Meats About to Drop; Exports to Cease." Here there is need to balance debits and credits. If the ships sail empty there is so much more left for our own consumption that we shall suffer from surfeit. We cannot consume our total production, and as stocks pile up production will be reduced, jobs will be fewer, wages smaller. We then shall suffer all the woes of contraction and not without twinges of conscience, and something like an affront to reason as well as humanity.

Why should we bring these troubles upon ourselves, at least prematurely or unduly, when we could relieve the greater sufferings abroad and gain merit and profit to boot? There are times when it is the part of prudence rather than of rashness to take a risk, however unwillingly. It is not a question of inflation or of finance alone. It is a question of rising to our opportunity. Our moral and monetary credit alike depend upon how we demean ourselves in this world crisis, and it is a pity that there should be doubt of our behavior under trial.

Not for us is the moral grandeur of gallant Belgium instantly deciding, without question of risk, that for her there should be death before dishonor. Others than Belgians outrank us in the rivalry of sacrifice in the world's greatest undertaking—the preservation of civilization by the defeat of the Huns. These others piled up losses of blood and treasure while we piled up excess profits, and now we seem to them more eager to consolidate our gains than to co-operate with them to complete the joint undertaking. Not for us is even the profit that comes to such bankers as those who reap wealth by buying or selling to advantage when danger threatens.

Our responsible banking authorities, with impeccable motives and according to practice approved in normal times, are seeking to correct errors in finance and credit. But the results thus far have not been as planned. It was (and is) desirable that the use of commercial banks to stimulate investment in Government credit should be reduced, to the end that their resources should become more liquid and available to commerce in proportion that Government paper shall be extruded from their accounts.

### BORROWING INCREASING

But the raising of the rate for money on Government collateral was followed by an increase of war paper from 1,139.6 millions to 1,196.1 millions, a decline of commercial discounts from 684.5 millions to 638.1 millions. The Treasury itself now raises the rate on its own paper, and there follows the rumor that there is to be an increase on the rate for commercial loans. But they, too, decline to contract as was designed. There was a decided increase of commercial borrowing within a week, regardless of rising rates. At this stage it does not seem possible that this is necessitous borrowing, designed to find in credit resources not supplied by trade and profits. It seems likelier that it at least is precautionary borrowing while borrowing is good, or even that it is borrowing of the good sort of necessity—that of financing expanding trade.

It is admitted that our recent banking policy has been beneficial so far as it has contracted speculation in either securities or commodities. The withdrawal of financial facilities from that sort of profiteer is commendable and commended on all sides. But that is different from lessening the means of production and distribution, either domestic or international. Such trade, whether by barter or with funds, is self-financing and self-contracting if there is virtue in the principles of our Federal Reserve system.

There has been no departure from those principles which is not condoned by war necessity and which cannot be corrected by a return to those principles. The better corrective is rather banking discrimination than universal discipline. Raising the rates for all may be wholesome, but it is bitter, too bitter if it could be sweetened by discretion, even though it involved some tincture of partiality in the practice of the member banks. When it is a question of rediscounts the Reserve Bank has little option. Its duty and effort within possibility is to accommodate all equally. It is different with member banks. They hardly rise to the level of commercial banks, they descend almost to the level of pawnbrokers when they grant credit according to the security market rather than according to the merits of the request for commercial accommodation, because it is so easy to lend according to the "ticker" rather than according to banking judgment of the credit and purposes of the borrower.

That is the way in which credit crises are fostered rather than quieted. The banker who is sure of himself and sure of his customer lends liberally and quickly when the funds are to be used for production and distribution, domestic or foreign.

### THE WAY OUT

The demand for money is really a demand for goods, since all the goods in the world are an offer for money. There is no better way to liquefy the resources immobilized in advances on Government credit than to promote the circulation of goods. Credit on Government paper for that use is good credit. Credit on Government paper to be itself carried for the rise, or to carry goods for the rise, or to await the slow process of investment, is permissible now as it recently was commendable, but it is no longer preferable to commercial credit for movement into consumption wherever goods are most wanted. That means outside the richest country in the world, the countries where there are the greatest number of unclad, unfed, unhoused, and the greatest mortality from destitution of every sort. Those multitudes do not want money or credit. They want goods, and can be supplied only by those willing to strain a point of correct finance to supply them in the way of duty with profit.

The differences of opinion are not unlike the differences between approved schools of medicine. Enforced contraction in an allopathic dose may throw the patient into nervous prostration or even spasms, even if he has strength to survive such heroic treatment. The financial homeopaths prefer to cure like with like, inflation by inflation in judicious doses. They think it better to induce liquidation—the best antidote to inflation—by stimulating production to equal demand, moving goods into consumption at something near present price levels, and stepping down stairs rather than being thrown down. Taking the world over there never was such inflation and therefore never before such liquidation as is now necessary. We are so fortunate as to have the capacity of both goods and credit—if we have the courage—to liquidate our surplus in the supply of world demands. That opportunity is not permanent. The world will feed itself in normal manner after a crop or two, and our prices will fall, as they should, then rather than now. The world will supply itself with other goods in like manner as the redistribution of services restores production to pre-war demands or better. There is ample opening for production larger than before the war, since the world was never so well supplied with the means of production, and energy can be devoted to production of goods rather than to production of plants by capital investment and construction, except for restoration of the ravages of war. By all means deflation should be encouraged, but gradually certainly if possible and perhaps by administration of a hair of the dog which bit.

### The Brussels Fair

THE Brussels Fair, which is to be held April 4-20, 1920, is being organized by the Brussels municipal authorities with the assistance of the Belgian Government. It will consist of twenty-nine groups, including practically every important industry. The American Consulate General at Brussels cables that all foreign exhibitors interested in exhibiting at the fair must definitely file their names not later than Feb. 29.

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